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BURMA PRESS SUMMARY (from THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY)-July 1991-#

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This issue is published out of order. Our supply of the Working People's Daily was temporarily interrupted from mid-July through mid-September. We have re-established it and have now obtained all the missing back issues. The October 1991 issue should already have reached you; November is being prepared; and the August and September issues will follow this July issue as rapidly as feasible. Thank you for your patience.--HCMacD.

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, Buddhist religious) slogan across the bottom of each front page:

July 1-2: Nibbanasacchikiriya ca, to realize the Nirvana; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 3-5: Phutthassa lokadhammehi, cittam yassa na kampati, the mind which is touched by the (eight) vicissitudes of life does not move; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 6-10: Asokam, to be free from anxiety; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 11-16: Virijam, be stainlessly pure; this is the way to

auspiciousness.

July 17-18: Khemam, be perfectly secure; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 19: 44TH ANNIVERSARY ARZANI DAY

July 20-24: Asevana ca balanam, not to associate with the ignorant and the foolish; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 25-28: Panditanan ca sevana, to associate with the wise; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 29-31: Puja ca pujaneyyanam, to honour those worthy of honour; this is the way to auspiciousness.

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

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

Cartoons

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

July 3: "(Keep eyes and ears open)" Older Myanmar: "Beware of the string of the bow while eating banyan fruit..." Young Myanmar: "I know what you mean, Aba. While pursuing education peacefully, we must inform to authorities conscientiously if there is any hindrance for pursuance of education."

July 4: "To ensure our race not to become extinct" "AIDS is not yet widespread in Myanmar Naing-Ngan. But national cause may be harmed if it is neglected and the condition worsens." 1st Myanmar: "Not only western culture can penetrate Myanmarpyi but also western disease may spread." 2nd Myanmar: "As a national duty, prevent this disease from spreading here."

July 4: Westerner: "Young man, why is your Myanmar Naing-Ngan peaceful, stable and pleasant?" Myanmar: "Because its present government does all the good things and speaks only the truth."

July 4: "May our race, religion and language be magnificent like the sun." 1st Myanmar: "Myanmar Buddhists build pagodas and monasteries. They preserve their race, religion and language very well. It is those imperialists who destroyed the pagodas and temples." 2nd Myanmar: "If one criticizes the military government which is renovating pagodas and temples, one surely has the stink of servitude."

July 5: Myanmar: "These are noble traditional values attained from the Buddhist Culture Courses." Boy:

"* To admonish children to refrain from wrong-doing. * To guide children to do good things. * To urge children to learn art. * To provide investment to offspring. * To give offspring in marriage to a suitable spouse. These are the obligations of parents." Girl: "* To train pupils in the best discipline. * To admonish pupils. * To teach pupils suitable arts and science. * To protect pupils from danger. * To introduce pupils to the suitable friends and associates. These are the obligations of the teachers."

July 5: Hippie guitarist: "What do you like...western music or Myanmar music?" Myanmar: "I'm a Myanmar, live in Myanmarpyi and am a Myanmar-Buddhist. I like Myanmar music which is Myanmar culture."

July 5: Song: "Give all-out assistance to strengthen the Tatmadaw... Never neglect all the Tatmadawmen as they are our blood-relatives." Myanmar: "The Tatmadaw is the strength of the nation. The nation will be strong only if the Tatmadaw is strong."

July 6: "May his trip abroad be good and noble." Myanmar to departing youth: "Wherever you are, whatever education you learn and whatever job you get, do not forget to preserve the prestige of your nation and your people." Youth (in Western garb): "Don't worry, Aba. I'll be honest and industrious. I will ever keep patriotism as amulet."

July 6: "May they not lose sight while walking." Radio: "Patriotic youths who do not set aside their race, language and religion and who cherish their traditions and customs request the

song titled... `Don't let your traditions and culture be lost because of you!'" Composer Mr. Melody: "Ohhh!"

July 6: "(Change rubbish names to show patriotism)" 1st Myanmar: "The names of composers of the old age are very Myanmar and graceful... Thahaya Saya Tin, Dagon Saya Tin, Nandawshayt Saya Tin, Shwedaing Nyunt, Shwepyi Aye, Myoma Nyein, Yan Naing Sein... the vocalists too... Liberty Ma Mya Tin, Ma Aye Mi, Sein Party, May Shin, Ok-au Ba Thoung, Pyay Hla Pe, Khin Maung Tin, etc.... 2nd Myanmar: "Also the names of orchestras... Sein Bedar, U Han Pa, U Ba Maung, Sein Bo Tint, Sein Sten, Sein Let Than... Nowadays, the names are westernized and having no essence of culture... Blueblack, Skylab, Desert,... rubbish!"

July 12: "[To practically crush the dangers]" 1st Myanmar: "As a national cause, all patriotic ones must collectively crush..." 2nd Myanmar: "The dangers of narcotic drug abuse, the dangers of AIDS and the dangers of intoxicating thoughts of servitude."

July 13: 1st Myanmar: "What do you think about the fact that some Hluttaw representatives resign as they do not want to get their names blemished by fraudulent acts of their party organizations." 2nd Myanmar: "I assume that they are far-sighted in the interest of the nation."

July 14: 1st Myanmar: "What more is needed now that the weaknesses of the JVC's are exposed and pointed out?" 2nd Myanmar: "Those who are able should also be good. Those who are good should also strive to become able. They should be ones who have desire to bring about the interest of the nation and the people."

July 19: "[No wish for disagreement within the family due to multiparty politics.]" 1st Myanmar: "Even in a family,...father, mother, son and daughter...each having different views..." 2nd Myanmar: "Now, is it clear to you? From disagreement between a family...to multiparty politics...how dangerous...the deeper you think, the more you will see how dangerous it is..."

July 19: Myanmar woman to girls in "Western" dress: "I don't mean to go backwards to the old ages but I don't want you to floating together with rubbishes in the current of times. You should always be decent and graceful in the eyes of brothers and sisters as well as that of parents and offspring. The attires in the era of Kyi Kyi Htay, Myint Myint Khin, Sein Shay Tin, etc., were decent and stylish."

July 20: "[Punks born in the modern era]" (Bald) Myanmar man to boys with long hair and trousers: "To preserve Myanmar's culture... I don't mean to keep `yaungdon' knot on your heads nor to get tattooed. The hairstyle of old age filmstars Khin Maung Yin and Ba Tint are elegant and very Myanmar. I would like to show their style to you."

July 21: 1st Myanmar: "I'll ask you a riddle. Answer it if you can. First, he is a politician, then an army officer, next a politician, then an army officer. Later he becomes a businessman. Hehe...he becomes politician again. What is it?" 2nd Myanmar: "H'm....it must be an army officer who does not know how to wage battle."

July 21: "Wishing them to be sophisticated in Myanmar way" Woman looking at Western-dressed girl: "Myanmar girls must look very Myanmar. They must be cultured and polite. They must fear to do decadent things and refrain from wearing decadent attires. Only then they may not be persuaded and destroyed easily. Myanmar girls must look very Myanmar and graceful."

July 22: Myanmar King: "What is the most important in construction of a multi-party democratic state, my courtier?" Courtier: "Your highness, it's the new constitution." King: "Is that the only one?" Courtier: "Also with the Three Main Causes, Sire."

July 26: "Would like to ask what they are." Myanmar to group of long-haired, trousered youths: "Are you all Myanmar?"

July 26: 1st Myanmar: "What will happen to a cock if it imitates a duck by attempting to swim?" 2nd Myanmar: "It will surely sink and die as it is by nature different from a duck." 1st Myanmar:

"Yes, same here. If we imitate foreigners by attiring ourselves immodestly, we will get into trouble."

July 28: 1st Myanmar woman: "Let's go to the fortune-teller to ask whether everything is alright for us or not." 2nd Myanmar woman: "Oh, no. We are service personnel... Stay away from party politics... Avoid bribery and corruption... Carry out work dutifully... Then everything will surely be alright... No need to go to the fortune-teller."

July 28: Three Myanmars commenting on "foreign broadcasting stations." 1st Myanmar: "You lift this person and press that person. And you broadcast that all except you is good." 2nd Myanmar: "It does not know the history concerned and it neglects the legal aspects. It also slanders that person and awards prize to this person. The more the situation deteriorates, the more it likes." 3rd Myanmar: "Ahe...If one does not know about it very well... one can mistake a bug for a turtle ...yet one must not place handle a sword at the side of a thief... Hmmm ...conceit can lead to insanity... you know."

Official Books

Officially published books are advertised or publicised regularly. These were featured this month:

Book (in Burmese) on the historical role of Tatmadaw leaders. First edition sold out; second in print.

Book (in Burmese) on U Nu's expatriate activities.

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt's May 14 Press Conference.

Book (in Burmese) on atrocities of the 1988 disturbances.

Continuing series of books, 14 so far, on "the heart-rending, disgusting and bitter skyful of lies" broadcast by BBC, VOA, and AIR (in Burmese).

When solving the problem of attaining internal peace by political means, by Ye Goung Kyaw Swa.

Myanmar History, by U Ba Than.

Political Articles

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:

July 1-6, 9-10, 12, 14-22, 25-27, 29-30-31: A review of pre-independence press (1945-1947), by Shwe Kalaung. [Cont. (3-26) Divisiveness of the press, with extensive quotations, as "a symptom of the multi-party era."]

July 1: Initial step in a new phase of combat against narcotic drugs, by Thihathu. [Cont. (3) 1988 Drug Convention acceded to by Myanmar.]

July 1: Myanmar Naing-Ngan War Veterans Organization: A milestone, by Sitpyan Kan Tun. [Cont. (2) functions of WVO. This second meeting of the WVO central council will continue to follow the guidance given the first meeting by the WVO's Patron, General Ne Win (Retired), by electing representatives with both cetana and qualifications.]

July 1: Sports-the pulsebeat of Myanmar, by Ivan King. [Revival of Myanmar interest in sports welcomed.]

July 2: The example of striving to achieve what one wants by working overtime, by Maung Hmat Kyauk. [Meaning of "real, correct, progressive and practical strikes."]

July 3, 5, 10, 18-21, 25: Brave never die, by U Thet Shay. [Cont. (6-13) Traditional tales about brave men. "Thanks to the ten major jatakas Myanmars became a 'hardy' race, courageous with the spirit 'A hundred against ten thousand; one against a hundred'.]

July 7: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. (137) Tatmadaw operations in 1970.]

July 8: Let Myanmar mind its own business, by Christopher Cheang. [Full reprint of article from June 9 The Straits Times of

Singapore, to effect that Myanmar's "Tatmadaw leaders...should be allowed to deal with their problems in their own way and at their own pace--without any external interference."]

July 8-9: The history of the names of the Tatmadaw, by Mya Win. [(1-2) From Burma Independence Army (1941) to Burma Defence Army (1942) to Burma Army (1943) to Patriotic Burmese Forces (1945) to Burma National Army. Roles of Ne Win and Aung San.]

July 10,12: To defend and protect the nation from dangers by the unity of all the armed organizations, by Nyan Htet. [(1) Historic efforts by politicians to influence and divide the Tatmadaw. (2) BCP plotting; saving the nation in 1988.]

July 10: Editorial: Creativity, not imitation. [Patriotic role of music in nationalist period was "a far cry from what we are having to tolerate today in terms of so-called 'pop music' which are nothing but undiluted plagiarisms of the worst of alien sub-cultures complete with what they call 'body language' thrown in for good measure." The call for a unified music organization is well taken.]

July 11,14: The Beauty of Our Culture, by Thukhi Aung. [(1-2) Myanmar customs contrasted with Western European habits such as: inviting people to meals only with formal invitations; forcing spouses, the young, old, and crippled to work for a living; keeping wages instead of handing them all over to the wife; making the wife take the husband's name; public sexual displays. European appreciation of Myanmar cultural traits.]

July 13,15,24-25: In connection with "Who's Who in Burma", by Myan Pyi Tha. [(1-4) Summaries (some with sarcastic comments) of the biographies, in the 1961 "Who's Who in Burma", of U Nu, Thanmani Bo Khin Aung, Bo Letya, Sultan Mamood, U Rashid, U Khin Maung Latt, Bo Taryar, U Ba Nyein, U Khin Maung Maung, Bo Chit Kaung, Ashin Kyaw, U Ba Htay, Thakin Aung Gyi, Thakin Soe, U Kyaw Nyein, Bo Khin Maung Gale, Bo Ye Htut, Brig. Aung Gyi (Retired).]

July 13: Amendments to Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, by Khin Aung Tin. [Review of amendments {see below, under Government} intended to ensure that "those who commit offences relating to law and order and offences concerning moral turpitude are not eligible to stand for election...and Hluttaw candidates who are disqualified also are no more eligible to stand for elections."]

July 15-18,21-23,27,29,31: Why did Myanmar Naing-Ngan withdraw from Sterling Area? What repercussions did it cause?, by Bo Thanmani. [(1-10) 1966 withdrawal, with facsimiles, photos, and texts of documents.]

July 19: 44th Anniversary Arzani Day: We mourn their loss for what they did for the country, by Thura Thamein. [Remembering the Martyrs of 1947.]

July 19: Beware of malevolent forces and their henchmen, by An observer. [Special need for "unity and vigilance against outside interference."]

July 19: Bogyoke Aung San and national unity, by Khin Aung Tin. [Aung San's "successors...let the country drift down the drain of Parliamentary Democracy...." This anniversary "should give an impetus to the drive for building a new democratic state."]

July 19: For non-disintegration of national unity, by Maung Dawna. [As the 1964 Declaration on National Races by the Revolutionary Council Chairman [Ne Win] said that "indigenous nationalities must be fully resolved to live in unity through weal and woe." All the races must now rededicate themselves to forge national unity.]

July 19: Short biographies of the Arzanis, by Naung Naung. [Lives of the Martyrs.]

July 19: Bigger better prizes at the State Lottery, by Kyaw Nyunt Yi. [Maximum prize now K10 million, with tickets at K10. Authorities "take necessary steps to prevent the lottery ticket dealers from manipulating the price to enable the people ...to buy the lottery tickets at the prescribed price.... So one who buys the State Lottery tickets to try his luck will not only contribute towards increasing State revenues but may even become a nouveau riche

if one is lucky enough."]

July 21-23: Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law: A layman's appreciation, by T.H. [Review of the law.]

July 27: Accession to UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: For promotion of lives of children, by Ye Nyunt. [It will "raise the momentum" of child welfare activities.]

July 28,30: To tell the truth is a virtue (Thitsa-Myitta Discussion), by Byammahso. [(1) Crime in West. Amnesty International "puts the blame on some Arab nations...our country Myanmar Naing-Ngan and one big neighbour of ours and often uses threats saying it will enforce economic blockade.... The leaders of our Tatmadaw are very patient and very magnanimous Buddhists...[and when Western] nations are hit by natural disasters we sympathize with them" (2) Myanmar donates relief for foreign disasters; many SE Asian nations understand Myanmar.]

July 28: Rumours to the effect that Myanmar currencies would be demonetized are totally false, by Bo Thanmani. ["Avaricious persons are now spreading rumours in Yangon...to the effect that ninety-kyat currency notes would be demonetized.... Another rumoure is that the [SLORC] would in the future declare demonetization of ninety-kyat notes, forty-five kyat notes and two-hundred-kyat notes which are the legal tenders and that five-hundred kyat notes would be put into circulation after the demonetization of the said currency notes. Spreading of these rumours resulted in the brisk sales and purchase of personal goods, household goods, luxuries and gold The price of one tical of gold has risen to K 18,000. More people are buying TV sets and cassette recorders. Business transactions are done with the greatest use of ninety-kyat and two-hundred-kyat notes" The [SLORC] announced on May 29, 1989 that "there would be no announcement regarding demonetization during the time of this government" The rumours are "totally false" and "fabrications of avaricious persons."]

July 30: Second World Invitational Dragon Boat Race '91, by Dr. Than Toe. [Description of Singapore event.]

July 31: Exemplary role played by Wuntho Sawbwa U Aung Myat, by Swe Thant Ko. [A Shan who resisted British conquest in 1886.]

Myanmar Ethnic Relations

July 7: An article, To be patriotic is primary, by Myan Pyi Tha, discussed a Washington conference on "Why is the World Ignoring Burma?", and subversive literature being distributed in Myanmar [excerpts].

There were the "following propaganda stunts...that do not even need to be refuted.... The first...is the video tape which records the Panel Discussion on Burma which seems to have been held...in Washington D ...named 'Why Is the World Ignoring Burma?' It was attended by those who claim that they are experts on Myanmar...such as Bertil Lintner, Joseph Silverstine [sic]....

"Naw Luisa Benson, daughter of Saw Benson, and wife of a well-known insurgent Bo Lin Htin (who was killed in a skirmish) said at the discussion...that the Bamar soldiers were encouraged to marry women from the other national races...that they were told that one would be given a reward of K 500 if one could marry a daughter of a Kayin headman,...K 300 ...[for] a niece of a headman and K 100... [for] an ordinary Kayin woman. What she said is all groundless and false.... She slandered the Tatmadaw to discredit it and distort its image....

"The second propaganda stunt...is the pamphlet published under the name 'Shan Sarpay Pwintlin Arpay Thaw Htarna, Shan Pyi' and secretly distributed.... The pamphlet says that the Tatmadaw urges its members to try their best to be able to marry Shan women, that they must pretend to have fallen in love with Shan women and then marry them, that if one is able to marry an educated Shan woman, one will be given a monthly reward of K 500, [for]...a rich and well-known Shan woman...a monthly reward of K 1,000, [for] a Shan woman who is a graduate...a monthly reward of K 1,500 and if one is able to

marry a relative of a Sawbwa...a monthly reward of K 2,000. One does not need much intelligence to know that these are deliberate lies...aimed at sowing discord and disunity between the Shan nationals and the Myanmar Tatmadaw

"There are 135 national groups... and a man from any of them can marry a woman from the same national group or from any other national group. We feel happy if a Bamar woman marries a Shan man or if a Bamar man marries a Kayin woman.... However, there is an exception. If a person from one of the national groups residing in the Union of Myanmar marries an alien for lack of a sense of patriotism or without giving any thought to preserving the honour and dignity of being a Myanmar (though it is a personal social affair of a person), we Myanmarers who love our own race and nation feel hurt and irritated.... We Myanmarers who are patriotic...cannot reconcile ourselves to a Myanmar woman's marrying an alien man or a Myanmar man's marrying an alien woman and can hardly forgive the act....

"{Yangon Commander} Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said...on 28-5-91. `It is sorrowful to read...about Myanmar women's marrying foreigners. A race would not go out of existence if it were swallowed up by the earth, but it can disappear if it is swallowed up by another race...and...it is necessary for one and all to preserve and safeguard our Race, our Religion and our Sasana....'" (WPD 7/7)

Border Area Committee

July 11: The Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held its co-ordination meeting No. 2/91 at the Ministry of Defence. Its Chairman, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, outlined its activities [excerpts]:

"It is now about three years that the work for development of border areas and national races has been carried out.... First of all, we have implemented the task for development of national races in Kokang region which was under the domination of BCP.

"Consequently, we have also achieved success in implementing tasks for development of east Kengtung region, Wa national region, and south Lashio Seinkyawt region.... As of now, eight armed organizations have returned to the legal fold....

"Opium poppy cultivation in far-flung areas has been eradicated and it will eventually be totally wiped out [sic]. Poppy fields, opium refineries and narcotic drugs were destroyed three times in Laukkai in Kokang region, Mongkoe and Mongla regions in east Kengtung.... There has been less allegations that Myanmar...was involved in opium smuggling....

"Officials from UN organizations have been given opportunity to visit border areas and...having realized the cetana and performance of the State, have assured more assistance in this connection.

"Border areas development activities have also been extended to Buthidaung-Maungdaw region in Rakhine State, and Naga Mountains Ranges in Chin State.

"Arrangements are under way to set up new villages...in sparsely populated areas of Tamu region and Kabaw Valley region in northern Myanmar Prevention of outside interference is also a task to be carried [sic]....

"A total of 291.83 million kyats in State funds has been spent on border areas development work...." (WPD 7/12)

Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt

July 12: Speaking at the 26th Anniversary of Yangon Command Headquarters, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said, inter alia: "Now certain parties are making attempts to cause disintegration of the Tatmadaw. It has been found through the three persons who returned to legal fold recently that the identity cards issued for them to undertake smuggling business include the words `National League for Democracy (liberated area).' Some people said that nothing good has been done in the past 26 years. Although they are saying like that, nobody has handed in the Naing-Ngant Gon-Yi titles and political pensions given to them during that period. The Tatmadawmen

must be aware of such situation and take precautionary measures."
(WPD 7/13)

July 14: Speaking to Muslim pilgrims returning from Mecca, Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt reviewed the nature and history of the hadj. A few pilgrims were sent during the royal period, but none during the British and Japanese periods. Pilgrims were allowed to go from 1948-1961, but "for various reasons, from 1962 to 1979, sending off pilgrims were stopped and resumed in the year 1980." When the [SLORC] came into power, "some, from abroad and at home, giving pressure on us and said that we have Foreign Exchange only for two week's expense and there will be financial crisis. Even at such situation, as you have already known, we sent more numbers of pilgrims using a large sum of Foreign Exchange." He noted Myanmar religious freedom, symbolized by "the positions of Bengali Mosque, Christian Church and Hindu Temple situated just near the Sule Pagoda in the heart of Yangon." He said "All Hajees should preach or tell such situation to the brother Muslims so as not to discard in their mind." (WPD 7/22)

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt

July 14: Speaking to the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said, inter alia, that:

"No one could deny that the people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan possessed good cultural traits which were unmatched. It was important to keep at bay Western cultures which would destroy Myanmar cultural traits and fine traditions...."

He urged the Asiayone leaders "to unitedly safeguard the Myanmar cultural traits and fine traditions from Western cultures.... The [SLORC] (Tatmadaw) was making its utmost efforts to make sure that Myanmar Naing-Ngan did not fall under foreign influence and keep patriotism alive and dynamic.

"He said that there was an increase in the number of those getting married to foreigners thinking highly of the latter. Some thought that it was noble to marry foreigners, he added...." (WPD 7/15)

July 15: Speaking to a meeting of judges and judicial officials, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said, inter alia:

"That after...independence, the country inherited the colonial laws and...there was an influence of colonialist ideas.... He said some of the laws still practised...were the old laws of the colonial era.... As an example...some laws under the Penal Code...were not suitable to the present time but were still in use.

"He further explained that the laws of the colonial era had complicated wordings, lengthy usages and in some places they were found to include ambiguous words and hence due to complicated wordings the laws of the parliamentary era were seen to be like elastic cords....

"[He] pointed out that since the judicial system of the parliamentary democracy was a one-judge system... there were instances in which those who gave more money won the case.... [The "system of administration of justice by a group" was practised after 1972 and under the 1974 Constitution.] When the [SLORC] came into power...the one-judge system was being practised again. However, concerted efforts must be made by all to do away with all the bad characteristics of one-judge system

"He also spoke of the need to mete out effective sentences to those who try to undermine the enforcement of law and order and prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the State

"He also said...`Another point is that it is necessary for judges, in judging the cases that undermine the rule of law, to hand down deterrent punishments.... But some judges have failed to abide by the [Supreme Court] directives [to that effect]. I would like to urge the judges to strictly abide by the directives.'" (WPD 7/16)

UNDP Party in Bird's Nest Scandal

July 15: Officials of the Union National Democracy Party

(UNDP), including Patron U Aung Gyi and his wife Daw Mu Mu Thein, were implicated in the illegal gathering of bird's nests [the rare kind used in Bird's Nest soup---HCMacD.], the use of illegal arms, and the payment of extortion money to KNU terrorists.

On May 7, Tatmadaw naval gun-boat No. 112 stopped a vessel near Mali Island in Palaw Twp. [Tanintharyi] and arrested its 12 crewmen. Extensive arms and ammunition were found aboard and hidden on the island. Also found were 60 viss of bird's nests hidden among rocks.

Tanintharyi Division UNDP Joint Secretary U Lu Win (a) Victor Long had paid only K1.5 million of K4.5 million due as 10% of his tender for bird-nesting authorization. Instead, Managing Director U Nan Nwe of the IBI Company signed a contract with the Forestry Department insuring a building belonging to UNDP Patron U Aung Gyi's children for K3.0 million, and the payment date for the K3.0 million due on the tender was extended.

U Lu Win however collected 208 viss of nests on Mali Island before permission was granted. He illegally sold 56 viss of the nests in Dawei [Tavoy] for K4.9 million, and used K3.0 million of it to pay the Myanma Economic Bank in Dawei. The other nests he brought to Yangon in collaboration with the Head of the Tanintharyi Division Forest Department U Paw Aung. On Apr. 24, 1991, 185 viss of nests, instead of being deposited with the Forest Department, were taken to U Aung Gyi's house, where they were seized the same day by the Department.

U Lu Win, U Tin Tun, U Nan Nwe, UNDP Secretary-2 U Maung Maung, and UNDP CEC member U Zaw Lin recovered the nests by insuring U Aung Gyi's house for K9.0 million as 20% of the tender. The house of UNDP CEC member Col. Khin Nyo (ret'd.) was also insured.

The nests were then sold through Daw Mu Mu Thein (U Aung Gyi's wife) and U Maung Maung to one U Maung Kyay, U Aung Khaing, and U Tun Myint Naing of the Kokang Company on May 6, 1991. 105 viss of nests were sold at K151,200 per viss and 8.75 viss at K40,000 per viss, for a total of K16,226,000.

The Department on May 28 seized K2,400,000 from U Maung Maung, out of K3,926,000 invested with him, and K1,526,000 from Daw Mu Mu Thein.

U Lu Win borrowed 4 weapons from Win Shein of Kyaukkar village, Palaw Twp., and also borrowed arms and ammunition from KNU terrorists in Eh Eh village in Palaw Twp.

When U Maung Maung and U Tin Tun visited Mali Island on Apr. 15, 1991, they found U Lu Win with the weapons, which they tried out. They reported to UNDP Patron U Aung Gyi, Chairman Kyaw Myint Lay, General Secretary U Kyi Han, and CEC member U Khin Nyo that the arms were being used and extortion money paid to KNU terrorists. "U Aung Gyi was said to have said that the use of arms and giving extortion money were necessary to do the business and to carry on with the work."

In the bird's nest scheme, UNDP Tanintharyi Organizing Chairman U Tin Tun was in charge of management. Administrative officers were UNDP Central Work Committee member U Thein Soe and UNDP member Ohn Khin.

U Lu Win had paid K100,000 extortion money to the KNU terrorists of Eh Eh village. In early April, Naw Seinn Hmway (a) Cynthia, his wife and the elected UNDP Hluttaw representative for Dawei-2, paid another K400,000 extortion money. Later, U Sein Than, Saw Robert, and Saw L. Day of the group paid a further K550,000.

28 persons involved in the nest business will be "dealt with according to law for collecting bird's nests before permission was obtained and illegally selling them; making contacts with KNU terrorists and giving them extortion money; and using illegal arms. Six service personnel who received bribes and 17 others who allowed them to do business in disregard of tender rules... will be firmly dealt with through departmental enquiries." [photos of U Lu Win and some of the small fry, and of seized arms. (WPD 7/16)

July 22: National League for Democracy Announcement No. 1/91 of July 22, published in Election Commission Press Release No. 22/91 of July 22, reads [text]:

National League for Democracy
No 97/B, West Shwegondine Road
Bahann Township, Yangon
Announcement No 1/91

1. The National League for Democracy has got itself registered according to law.

Regarding the use of the name of the National League for Democracy by the expatriate group led by Dr Sein Win, which, in collaboration with the KNU terrorist group, formed the so-called Myanmar Naing-Ngan National Coalition Government and carried out activities, this National League for Democracy has never been connected with the outlawed group in the past and at present either.

2. The announcement of the so-called Myanmar Naing-Ngan National Coalition Government that more than 200 elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives of the National League for Democracy support it is totally untrue.

According to the resolution passed by the National League for Democracy's Central Executive Committee meeting on 22-7-91.

Sd/- U Aung Shwe
Chairman

for Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

(WPD 7/24)

NLD Pamphleteers Arrested

July 23: Four NLD youths have been arrested for having issued a "fake" pamphlet concerning the NLD 8th Press Conference of July 30, 1990, which was not authorized by NLD. 500 copies of the pamphlet were cyclostyled and sold in Aug. 1990, bringing the four about K200 each. "They wrote on the cover of their fake pamphlets anti-government statements which claimed that they could not accept Declaration No 1/90 of the [SLORC]." Legal action will be taken against Hla Min, Htay Lwin, Thida Aye, and Khin Maung Than "for involvement in bring out fake pamphlets and for writing anti-government statements on the cover of the pamphlets." [photos] (WPD 7/24)

17 Sein Win Backers Arrested

July 29: The Defence Services Intelligence in July arrested Administrative officer Hla Nyein (a) Ye Htut, Thein Aye (a) Nay La, and Khin Mya of the NLD (Yangon Youth Division) who "stealthily re-entered to carry out intelligence work and to recruit for the Sein Win's parallel government and National League for Democracy (liberated areas) at... Manerplaw. Also exposed and arrested were their contacts Than Myint, Moe Zaw Thein, Myat Tun, Thida Aye, Ye Tun, Than Htay, Kyaw Nyein, Myo Myint, Win Myint, Win Naing Toe, Ye Myint Aung, Soe Soe Oo, Htay Win, and Hla Min. [Extensive details.] "Effective action will be taken against them...totalling 17, who went to the parallel government at Manerplaw and carried out the work of gathering information and recruiting youths and who made contacts between members of the National League for Democracy and terrorist camps, and who gathered information." [photos] (WPD 7/30)

ELECTIONS

Losing Candidates Disqualified

Election Commission Announcements through the month disqualified 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":

July 1: Four candidates: (a) U Win (League for Democracy and Peace-LDP) (Minbu-2) and agent U Nyi Nyi Than; (b) U Nyo (United

Nationals Democracy Party-UNDP) (Myaing-1) and agent U Maung Maung; (c) U Soe Myint (LDP) (Tatkon-2); and (d) U Thaug Naing (independent) (Loilem). (WPD 7/2)

Party Registration Changes

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

(1) Democracy Party. New address is 1141 Gangaw Yeiktha St., Ward 16, Thingangyunn Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3)

(3) People's Democratic Party. CEC member Bawga has been expelled. (WPD 7/4)

(5) All-Myanmar United Youths Organization. New address is 221 Upper Kyimyindine Rd., Kyimyindine Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3)

(12) National Peace and Democracy Party. GS Daw Yin Yin May has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(27) Myanmar Naing-Ngan Democratic People's Power Organization. JGS Maung Maung Myint has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(28) National Progressive Youth of Myanmar. Secretaries Committee member Nanda Thura and CEC member Aye Swe have resigned. (WPD 7/19)

(38) Democratic Human Rights Party. New address is 116 (top fl.) Bo Myat Tun St., Botahtaung Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/19)

(55) Peasants' Unity Organization. CEC member Kan Tun has resigned. (WPD 7/19)

(56) Youth Unity Organization. CEC members Daw Ciin Za Ding, Khin Maung Htwe have resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(63) Kayah State All Nationalities League for Democracy (KNLD). VC Daw Naw Phaw Htoo; Tr Mee Reh Chit Htwe; CEC members Daw Phaye Moe, Sai Myo Thit, Kyaw Khin, Daw Kyi Myint Hla have resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(72) Union for the Improvement of Myanmar Women (Central Headquarters). Ch Daw Myint Myint (Innwa); VCh Daw Aye Myint (a) Daw Myint Myint; JGS Daw Mu Mu Kyi, Daw Nwe Nwe Zin; Aud. Daw Hla Hla Aye, Daw Mya Mya Thwin; InfoOff. Daw Mya Thuza; CEC members Daw San San Aye, Daw Khin Khin Pyon, Daw Htwe Htwe Aung Thein, Daw Mar Mar Kyu, Daw Khin Yat Nwe, Daw Sanda Thaw, Daw Mo Mo Han, Daw Khin Myo Kyi, Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Aye Aye Soe, Daw Khin Le Yi have resigned. New officers are Ch Daw Khin Aye (ex-VCh); VCh Myat Khaing; GS Daw Myint Myint Kyi (ex-JGS); JGS Daw Khin Soe Moe; Tr. Daw Yin Hla; Aud. Daw Khin Thuzar. (WPD 7/6)

(84) Karen State National Organization. Patron Saw Pho Aung; VC Nai Aung Chit; Org. Mahn Phaung Ye Kaw; InfoOff. Mah Han Thein; CEC members Hkun Kyaw Sein, Hkun Tun Yi, Mahn Ba Sein, Mahn Saw Lone, Daw Naw Daphne Kyaw, Daw Lin Sein are no longer with the party. New VCh is Tr Ngwe Zin. (WPD 7/4)

(88) National Democratic Party for Human Rights. Patron Min Lwin has been cancelled from the list of patrons. (WPD 7/5)

(89) Free People's League of Myanmar. New address is 224 (1st fl.) Anawrahta St., Ward 11, Pabedan Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/5)

(112) League of Peasants Unions (LPU). New address is 34 Shwetaungya St., Bahann Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3) // VCh Than Tun has died. New officers are VCh Kan Nyunt; JGS Soe Myint; Sec. (Treas.) Hla Aye. (WPD 7/6)

(114) United Trade Union Congress (Union of Myanmar. New address is 34 Shwetaungya Rd., Bahann Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/5)

(132) Farmer, Gadu, Ganau and Shan National Unity Democratic Headquarters (Banmauk Myo). Ch Ba Thaug; CEC members Tin Shwe-1, Tin Shwe-2, Sein Win have resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(152) Shan State Kachin Democratic Party. CEC members Zaw Aung and Mar Kha have resigned. (WPD 7/19)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters). Patron M Ziar Ul Hauk; CEC member Siar Zul Hauk have resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(162) People's Pioneer Party (PPP). New address is 50 Moemakha St., Sangyoung Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3) // CEC members Daw Moe Moe Myint, Daw Khin San, Bo, Hla Aye, Tin Maung Myint, Thein Aung have resigned and Shwe Tha Nu has been expelled. (WPD 7/5)

(163) Kamans National League for Democracy. Patron Aung Tha Tun has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(185) Wa National Development Party. Sec. Nyi Nap has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(189) Karen National Congress for Democracy (KNCD). CEC member Saw Khohu Legin has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(193) Rakhine National Humanitarian Development Organization. New address is 996 Ward 7, Dagon Myothit Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3)

(194) Indigenous Race Collaboration Party. New address is Flat No. 1, No. 5 Lane 1, Awayya St., Kha Ward, Thingangyunn Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/5)

(200) Anti-Communist, Anti-Socialist, Anti-Totalitarian Free Democracy League. New address is 322/B Yadanabon 4th St., Ward 10, Tharkayta Twp., Yangon. (WPD 7/3)

(215) Union of Myanmar Democratic Front. There are only four remaining members of the CEC Panel of Chairmen, namely: Kyaw Win Maung (Hajji), Maung Maung Ohn Myaing, Shwe Phone Win, San Shwe. "Only the following four parties still remain in alliance with the Front" [out of an original 40--HCMacD.]: United National Congress (37); Democratic People's League (DPL) (66); National Ethnic Reformation Party (Hq) (161); and People's Pioneer Party (PPP) (162). (WPD 7/2) // Democratic People's League (DPL) (66) has left the front and Panel of Chairmen representative Maung Maung Ohn Myaing has resigned. (WPD 7/4)

(233) Democratic Allies League (DAL). Ch Tin Aye; JGS Khaing Mye; Sec. Thet Aung, Thakinama Daw Than Than, Kyaw Han; CEC member Charles Khaing are no longer with the party. (WPD 7/4)

Burma to Myanmar

July 11: Election Commission Press Release No. 19/91 of July 11 records the formal change from "Burma" or "Burmese" to "Myanmar" in the "names in English terms" of 14 specified political parties [full list printed]. [Most WPD and other references have for some time used "Myanmar" in place of the original "Burma" in these names--HCMacD.] (WPD 7/12)

Election Progress Report

July 12: Election Commission Announcement No. 950 of July 12 on Progress of work on the submission of the Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission's final report says the Commission is sticking to legal provisions in scrutinizing returns and hearing objections against elected candidates. So far returns of 1,190 of 1,436 candidates from 27 parties have been scrutinized, and clarification is being sought "from the persons concerned on certain things."

"The work of scrutinizing the election returns...does not make much progress because...":

- candidates failed to keep accounts books
- they failed to record expenditures and receipts
- they failed to mention receipts, and recorded only certain expenditures
- certain expenditure receipts are missing
- full expenditures are not mentioned in certain expenditure receipts

-- reasons given for some expenditures are not sound.

Asked about these things, "some persons failed to give replies in time and although several efforts were made to contact them they met with much difficulty and that these hinder the progress of work."

Preliminary work has been done on losing candidates.

Election tribunals "have questioned those who put up letters of objection and the witnesses."

"Therefore, it is hereby announced that the Commission is carrying out its task for the final report in accordance with the provisions of the Law and rules." (WPD 7/13)

Hluttaw Member Deceased

July 13: Election Commission Announcement No. 951 of July 13 cancels from the roster elected Hluttaw member U Maw (Thabeikkyin), who died July 5. (WPD 7/14)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

July 3: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "mutual interest on aviation and co-operation in air freight between the two countries." (WPD 7/4)

July 4: Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 7/5)

July 5: Philippine Ambassador Ms. R.V. Tirona on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein, and on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 7/6)

July 8: UNDP Resident Representative Gerd Merrem, accompanied by Deputy Representative Rohinton Sethna, Consultant Paul Cook, and UNCTAD Desk Officer Ms. Susan Toh, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the Management Development Programme project and privatization study. (WPD 7/9)

July 11: Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. \\
Malaysian Ambassador Sallehuddin bin Abdullah on Election Commission members [The Commission Chairman, U Ba Htay, has not recently been referred to--HCMacD.] (WPD 7/12)

July 12: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (WPD 7/13)

July 17: Malaysian Ambassador Sallehudin bin Abdullah on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 7/18)

July 18: Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, to discuss aviation and the extension of Myanma Airways flights, and on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. \\
Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 7/19)

July 22: The Korean Ambassador on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. \\
Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 7/23)

July 23: The Chinese Ambassador on SLORC Vice President Gen. Than Shwe, and on three members of the Election Commission. \\
Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss aviation cooperation in sending freight on Myanmar Airways Yangon-Singapore-Yangon flights and on Tradewinds Airline. He was accompanied by Tradewinds General Manager Mr. Michael Chan. (WPD 7/24)

July 24: Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 7/26)

July 25: The Chinese Ambassador on Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, and Auditor-General U Khin Zaw. (WPD 7/26)

July 29: The Chinese Ambassador on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 7/30)

July 30: The Chinese Ambassador on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. \\
Indonesian Defence Attaches Col. Sutriano and Lt-Col. Augustinus Reinhart Wetik on Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Gen. Than Shwe. (WPD 7/31)

Illegal Immigrants Returned

July 2: Thailand returned 263 illegal Myanmar immigrants through Maesok and Ranong during May and the first week in June. 109 were returned to Myawady from Maesok on June 4-5, and 154 to Kawthoung from Rangong on May 24 "after arrangements had been made between the township border committees of Thailand and Myawady and Kawthoung Township Law and Order Restoration Councils." The returnees were interrogated by police, military, and others, and "were also interrogated in detail by a special group of the Immigration and Manpower Development Head Office." Action will be taken against them under the Union of Myanmar Immigration Act.

Of the 109 arriving at Myawady, 31 aged under 12 "were sent home after they were given educative talks" and the remainder were fined K1,500 each. 40 paid, and the other 38 who were unable to pay were sentenced to six-months in prison. Of the 154 arriving at Kawthoung, 16 aged under 12 were sent home, 111 paid the fines, and the other 27 were sentenced to six-months in prison. "Under a special arrangement, blood tests are being carried out to find if any of them has HIV positive regarding AIDS."

"It was found that they entered Thailand illegally from Myanmar Naing-Ngan and that they had no connections with insurgents. It was learnt that they were casual workers, jobless persons and destitutes staying in Thailand." (WPD 7/3)

July 3: Similarly, during the last week of June, another 440 illegal immigrants (371 men, 61 women, and 8 children) were returned from Thailand to Kawthoung; 324 on June 21, 34 on June 23, and 82 on June 28. Of the total, 55 children under 12 were sent home, 185 paid fines of K1,500, and 84 unable to pay were sentenced to six-months in prison. (WPD 7/4)

July 8: Immigration (IMPD) on July 5 began to compile a list of "Myanmar nationals who illegally entered Thailand [who] were coming back to various places of Kawthoung [Tanintharyi] for fear of being arrested in another country" and sent them back to their native areas on July 7. Of 1,258 men and women were sent home from Kawthoung in nine vessels [listed]. "It was found that they were not absconders and not connected with the terrorist groups but they were daily wage earners, casual workers, the unemployed and destitutes." They were all tested for HIV infection. "The IMPD, PPF and Township Court personnel of the respective areas are to take action against them according to law." (WPD 7/9)

July 9: Another 200 persons, including 17 women, were sent to Yangon from Kawthoung. (WPD 7/10)

July 22: A third batch of 431 persons, including 76 women, was sent to Mawlamyine from Kawthoung on July 21. The grand total sent back from Kawthoung since July 7 is 1,889. "The officials concerned will take action against them under Myanmar immigration law." (WPD 7/23)

July 25: A total of 84 Myanmars, including 2 women and a baby, who entered Thailand illegally, were returned July 23 from Rangong, Thailand to Kawthoung, Myanmar. HIV blood tests are being made. They are not absconders or connected with terrorist groups. (WPD 7/26)

July 27: A total of 160 Myanmars, including 41 women and 2 babies, who entered Thailand illegally, were returned July 25 from Rangong to Kawthoung. HIV blood tests are being made. They are not absconders or connected with terrorist groups. Legal action will be taken against the emigrants. (WPD 7/28)

Lao Ambassador Approved/Arrives

July 6: The Myanmar Government has approved the nomination of Mr. Kideng Thammavong as Ambassador of Laos to Myanmar. Ambassador Thammavong was born in 1948 at Nongbouathong, Songkhone district, Savannakhet Province, Laos, and studied agronomy at Moscow's Friendship University for Peoples (Patrice Lumumba University). He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1989. He is married and has four children. "He will be the first Lao Ambassador with residence in Yangon, all the preceding Ambassadors being jointly accredited from and resident in New Delhi." (WPD 7/ 6)

July 25: Laotian Ambassador Mr. Kydeng Thammavong presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 7/26)

Ambassadors to US and Japan

July 8: U Thaung, Myanmar Ambassador to the United States, and U Thein Han, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan, left for their posts. (WPD 7/9)

July 30: Ambassador U Thein Han on July 26 presented his credentials in Tokyo to Emperor Akihito as Myanmar Ambassador to Japan. (WPD 7/31)

Chinese Ambassador Arrives

July 10: Mr. Liang Feng presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung as Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 7/11)

Bulgarian Ambassador Approved

July 15: Myanmar has approved the nomination of Mr. Enjo Vasilev Savov as Bulgarian Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Savov was born in Feb. 1935, and received a doctorate in law from the Faculty of Law, University of Sofia, and is also a graduate of the Moscow Diplomatic Academy. He joined the Bulgarian foreign service in 1965, and has served in Berlin and Vienna. In Jan. 1990 he was named Deputy Foreign Ministry, and is currently Bulgarian Ambassador to India. He speaks English, German, and Russian, and is married. (WPD 7/15)

Ambassador to Laos Named

July 16: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung named U Maung Maung Lay as Myanmar Ambassador to Laos. (WPD 7/16)

Myanmar Signs UN Child Pacts

July 16: At a ceremony at the Nurses Training Centre, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt signed the World Summit Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children. Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein announced that Myanmar had accepted and would accede to the UNGA Convention on the Rights of the Child, and he and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr. Rolf C. Carriere then signed the UNICEF Master Plan of Operations Projects for maternal and child welfare. A Press Conference was held. (WPD 7/17)

Myanmar-Laos Border Demarcation

July 17: A joint field survey has been carried out of Phase I of the Myanmar-Laos border demarcation project, for about 60 miles north of the Myanmar-Thailand-Laos tripoint. Phase II, the remaining section, will be carried out in 1991-92. History of project reviewed. Brief review of border demarcation agreements with Bangladesh, India, China, and Thailand. [map] (WPD 7/19)

Relations with Papua-New Guinea

July 24: Myanmar and Papua-New Guinea have established formal diplomatic relations as of July 24, 1991. (WPD 7/25)

Ambassador to India Named

July 25: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung has appointed U Wynn Lwin as Myanmar Ambassador to India. (WPD 7/25)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops and Courses

July 8: A one-week supervisory skills course on control of diarrhoeal diseases, co-sponsored by the Health Department and WHO opened with 40 trainees. (WPD 7/9)

July 9: A two-week course on early childhood education co-sponsored by the Basic Education Department and the Israeli Government, opened with 30 trainees. Mrs. Jenrette Hirschmann, in-charge of early childhood education at the Mount Carmel International Training Centre in Haifa, explained the course. Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein spoke of the need for "improvement in educating the children under aged five." (WPD 7/10)

July 10: A 3-day on-the-job training course in scintillation spectrometry, jointly sponsored by UNDP and WHO, began at the Medical Research Department, given by WHO consultants Messrs. E.A. Babudro and B.F. Nordin. (WPD 7/11)

July 13: A 3-week Seminar on Teachers' Educational Training and Teaching Techniques, co-sponsored by the Education Ministry, UNESCO, and UNDP, opened at the Mandalay Teacher's Training College on July 11. (WPD 7/14)

July 15: A three-week on-the-spot course on cattle milk production, jointly sponsored by the Livestock, Feedstuff and Milk Products Enterprise and the Israeli Government opened with 40 trainees. Israeli teachers are Dr. Shin Shon Varod and Mr. Benjamin Loew. Addressing the opening, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe said that Myanmar's population had increased from 16 million in 1941 to over 40 million now and would reach 50 million by 2000. There are 11.3 million head of cattle (1990-91), and about 95% of land is ploughed by draught cattle. Per cow milk production is low; only 246 viss per cow. (WPD 7/16)

July 18: Aerodrome Control Course No. 1/91, co-sponsored by the Civil Aviation Department, UNDP, and ICAO, concluded, with a speech by ICAO Project Coordinator Mr. T.V. Jensen. Eight trainees attended the May 13-July 17 course. (WPD 7/19)

Myanmar Donations

July 11: Myanmar will donate 500 tons of rice to the Philippines, "in sympathetic consideration of the great loss of life and property caused by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo volcano...." (WPD 7/12)

July 12: The Myanmar-Sri Lanka Buddhist Association for the Buddhist Monks of Shi Lanka, represented by President Daw Thein Kyi and Secretary-General U Pe Nyunt, delivered 200 monks' robes to the Sri Lankan Embassy for monks at the July 20-21 Ruwanweli Maha Seya (Pagoda) festival in Sri Lanka. (WPD 7/13)

July 18: Myanmar will donate 1,500 tons of rice to China, as assistance to flood victims. (WPD 7/19)

Foreign Donations

July 3: U Ye Tun of Chino Jewelry Co. Ltd. of Japan donated US\$4,670 and K50,000 of Toshiba air conditioners to Tatmadaw hospitals. (WPD 7/4)

July 11: Mrs. Mutsuko Miki of the Asian Ladies' Friendship Society in Tokyo donated Yen 800,000 to the Hninzingon Home for the Aged in Yangon. (WPD 7/12)

July 25: President Daijiro Okuyama of Shonan Setsubi Kogyo Ltd. of Japan donated US\$14,000 of equipment to the Hmawby Township Hospital. (WPD 7/26)

UN Border Assistance

July 11: Project documents were signed for providing UN agencies' assistance for the development of border areas and national races, by UN Resident Representative Gerd Merrem and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. They are the first UN inter-agency assisted projects in border development, and UNDP input is over US\$1.3 million.

"The border areas community development project is designed to assist people in the border areas to select, design and implement community development projects, particularly those for income

generation and social infrastructure at the village level.... UNDP will extend assistance in introducing, on a pilot basis, techniques of agro-forestry and conservation farming...in East Kengtung, Kokang and Wa regions...."

A project document for US\$680,000 was signed with the National Commission for Environmental Affairs "to strengthen the National Commission in its efforts to promote environmentally sound and sustainable development...." (WPD 7/12)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Visitors

July 25: President Mr. Myung Hun Choi of the Korea Trade Promotion Corporation called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 7/26)

July 30: Chairman Mr. Daijiro Okuyama of Sheonanset Subikogyo Co. Ltd. of Kanagawa, Japan called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein to discuss his donation of air conditioners to the Hmawby Twp. hospital and civil engineering teaching equipment to the Hmawby Technical High School. (WPD 7/31)

International Agency Visitors

July 16: UNICEF Regional Adviser Dr. Purificacion V. Quisumbing, accompanied by Philippine Ambassador Ms. R.V. Tirona, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 7/17)

July 24: Ms. Supee Teravaninthorn and Mr. Mark Sundberg of the World Bank Economic Mission called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss "matters relating to the market oriented economic reform programme for Myanmar...." (WPD 7/25)

Academic and Non-Profit Visitors

July 30: Prof. D.V.I. Fairweather, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of London and Secretary-General of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, an Adviser to the Medical Research Department, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 7/31)

Deputy Thai Health Minister

July 11: A Thai delegation headed by Deputy Minister of Public Health Dr. Arthasin Vejajiva arrived. (WPD 7/12) // July 12: He called on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. Later he visited the Institute of Medicine 2 in Mingaladon and the Defence Services General Hospital. (WPD 7/13) // July 14: He visited cultural sites at Bagan-Nyaung U and Mandalay, as well as the Mandalay Institute of Medicine, July 13-14. (WPD 7/15) // July 15: He left, after visiting the Shwedagon Pagoda. (WPD 7/16)

Foreign Sayadaws

July 16: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung and his wife paid obeisance to Laotian Sayadaw Ahtian Noi of Siaung Phong Monastery, Vientiane, who is residing temporarily at the Kandawgyi Hotel, Yangon. The Sayadaw arrived July 8, and visited pagodas in Bagan-Nyaung-U, Mandalay, Sagaing, and Monywa, the Pindaya caves, and the Inlay Phaungdaw-Oo Pagoda before returning to Yangon. He leaves for home, via Thailand, July 19. (WPD 7/17) // July 19: He visited Bago. Just prior to his return home to Laos, he gave K100,000, given to him by the laity during his Myanmar stay, to be used "for offering robes to members of Sangha in Laos and Cambodia." (WPD 7/20)

July 22: Sri Lankan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Thiggawa of Makudarama Monastery in Colombo, who has been visiting Myanmar since February, departed. (WPD 7/23)

Chinese Delegations

July 17: A delegation headed by Deputy General Secretary Mr. Huang Renyue of Yunnan Province, China, arrived to study agriculture and livestock breeding. (WPD 7/18) // July 18: They called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe; and looked at agricultural mechanization and fishbreeding. (WPD 7/19)

July 24: A four-member writer (translator) delegation from China led by Mr. Luo Luo arrived for a two-week exchange visit. Other members are Mr. Lin Huangtian, Mr. Gao Mang, Ms. Huang Qingshan, and Ms. Fan Yingyan. (WPD 7/25) // July 25: They called on News and Periodicals Enterprise officials and Myanmar writers, and on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 7/26) // July 30: They visited Mandalay and Sagaing on July 26-28, before leaving for Heho. (WPD 7/31)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

July 1: Assistant Lecturers Daw Khin Swe Thuang and Daw Jennifer Soe Maung from the Yangon University Zoology Department and Assistant Lecturer U Tin Tun from the Mandalay University Zoology Department left for Thailand June 29 to attend a two-month course on Inland Aquaculture beginning July 1 at Kasetsart University. \\ Senior Research Officer U Thein Wan of the Educational Research Bureau and Principal Daw Khin Swe Tun of Yangon Teachers Training College left June 29 for Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand to study curriculum development under joint UNESCO and Japanese sponsorship. (WPD 7/2)

July 4: Head of Workshop U Myint Shwe of Pyin Oo Lwin Technical High School left for the USSR to attend a July 8-26 Seminar on Instructional Systems, Design and Training of Trainers under UNDP sponsorship. (WPD 7/5)

July 12: Deputy Supervisors Daw Cho Cho Myint and U Win Myaing of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services left for Israel to attend an International Course on Tourist Management in Haifa, July 14-Sept. 5. (WPD 7/13)

July 13: Township Manager U Ko Ko Lay of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading left for New Delhi to attend a one-year post-graduate diploma programme in International Trade under the Colombo Plan. (WPD 7/14)

July 14: Joint Secretary of the CCDAC, Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun, and Manager U Thuang Pe of the crops substitution division, Myanma Agricultural Service, left for Alma Ata to attend the July 17-19 International Seminar on Elimination and Location of Vegetation Raw Basis for Illicit Narcotics Production co-sponsored by the USSR and Kazakhstan. (WPD 7/15) // July 17: They participated in a fly-over of the Chuiskaya Valley; experts are interested in learning about the Soviet "Flame" program to spot illegal drug plantations from space. (WPD 7/18) // July 24: They returned.

July 17: A journalist delegation headed by Chief Editor U Kyaw Min of the Myanma News Agency (International) left on a two-week study tour of the Soviet Union at the invitation of TASS and Novosti News Agencies. Other members are Deputy Chief Editor U Win Tin of "The Botahtaung Daily," Editor U Kyi Hlaing of "The Loktha Pyithu Nezin," and Editor Daw Khin Aye Kyu of the Myanma News Agency (International). (WPD 7/18) // July 30: The delegation returned. (WPD 7/31)

July 17: Anesthetist Dr. Nyo Thin of the Cardiac Department of Yangon General Hospital left July 14 for Melbourne, Australia for six months of further study. (WPD 7/18)

July 28: General Manager U Kyaw Hla of Myanma Agriculture Produce Trading and Director U Kyin Maung Aye of the Directorate of Trade left for Bangkok to attend a July 29-Aug. 2 Workshop on Development, Promotion and Financing of Export-Oriented Joint

Ventures. (WPD 7/29)

July 29: Managing Director U Tint Wai Aye and Deputy General Manager U Aye Thant of the Inspection and Agency Department of the Ministry of Trade left for Singapore to attend a July 29-Aug. 2 Seminar on Inspection of Regional Products, and then to Malaysia to observe palm oil production at Kuok Oil Grain Co. from Aug. 3-7. \\ Demonstrator Daw Ni Ni Win of the Mandalay Technical Institute left for Singapore to attend a 3-month Printed Circuit Board/Electronic Teaching Aid Design and Fabrication Course under the Colombo Plan. (WPD 7/30)

Delegations to Meetings

July 23: A Red Cross delegation headed by Yankin Twp. Red Cross Ambulance Brigade Commander U Kyaw Kyaw left for Thailand to attend a get-together of Red Cross youths in Thailand to commemorate the 36th birthday of Princess Sirindhorn. Other members (all from Red Cross Ambulance Brigades) are Sagaing Platoon Commander Ma Tin Aye Maw, Myitkyina Company Sergeant Maung Maung Kyaw Han, Hpa-an Platoon Sergeant Ma Ni Ni Win, and Thingangyunn Brigade Lance Corporal Ma May Myat Mun. (WPD 7/14)

July 17: A delegation headed by Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein left for Bangkok to attend the Regional Meeting on Consultation on the Preparation of National Plans of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, to be held there. Other members are Director-General Dr. Aung Tun Thet of the Health Ministry Planning and Statistics Department and Director (Planning) Daw Hla Kyu of the Basic Education Department. (WPD 7/18) // July 24: Minister Col. Pe Thein returned, after staying on in Thailand from July 21-23 "to study various health activities." Other delegation members returned July 21. (WPD 7/25)

July 29: A delegation of 10 youths, accompanied by U Maung Maung Myint, Assistant Director (Planning) of the Basic Education Department and Headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint of Mayangon BEHS No. 5, left for Japan for the 3rd Get-together of Student Youths of Asia and Pacific Region in Fukuoka, Aug. 1-6. The students are Maung Win Moe Aung (Mayan BEMS, Mogaung), Ma Khin Win Khant (Loikaw BEMS No. 2), Ma Nan Aye Thida Oo (Hpa-an BEHS No. 1), Maung Ye Myint (Falam BEHS No. 1), Maung Aung Chan Nyein (Practising Middle School, Mawlamyine Teachers Training Institute), Maung Kyaw Swa Win (Sittway BEHS No. 4), Maung Ai Kywe Thu Han (Kengtung BEHS No. 2), Maung Teza San (Dawei BEHS No. 1), Ma Khin Khin Kyi (Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3), and Ma Khin Swe Thant (Pathein BEMS No. 1). [For some days the group had been visiting tourist sites in Yangon.] (WPD 7/30)

Buddhist Delegations

July 8: A four-member delegation headed by Joint General Secretary-1 of the State Sangha Maha Nakaya Committee, Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vannasiri, left for the USSR to attend the 250th anniversary of the revival of Buddhism in the Buryatiya Region, and to discuss construction of a pagoda in Moscow. Other members are Committee members Dwipitakadhara Bhaddanta Zagara of Kalewa Tawya Sarthintaik in Mayangonn Twp. [Yangon], English Department Head Bhaddanta Vannita of the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho in Yangon, and U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of the Religion. (WPD 7/ 10) \\ July 27: The delegation returned. (WPD 7/28)

July 25: Ovadacariya Nayaka of the Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Bhaddanta Indaka Nyaunggan-Aye Sayadaw will leave for London July 31 on a missionary trip, arranged by the Myanmar Buddhist Association in Britain, Mahasi lay disciples, and the Buddha Sasana Nuggaha Organization. (WPD 7/ 26)

Delegations Return

Return of delegations whose departure was announced in previous

months:

June 30: Members of the Myanmar delegation to the June 5-16 78th Session of the International Labour Organization Conference in Geneva returned to Yangon. (WPD 7/1)

July 4: The delegation led by Township Education Officer U Kyi Win returned from a 2-week study tour of educational activities in Japan. (WPD 7/5)

GOVERNMENT

Yangon's Expanded Boundaries

June 19: [Continued] Metes and bounds of original and expanded areas of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), under YCDC Notification of June 19, 1991. (WPD 7/1,3)

Election Law Amended

July 10: The SLORC enacted a retroactive law, and implementing arrangements, prohibiting Pyithu Hluttaw representatives or candidates involved in certain offences from running in future elections, either permanently or for a period of 5 or 10 years.

[SLORC] Law No. 10/91 of July 10, reads as follows [full text]:

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.

2. This Law shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 31st May, 1989, the date on which the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law was enacted.

3. The following shall be inserted as sub-sections (j) and (k) in section 11 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law:--

(j) being convicted of an offence relating to law and order or an offence relating to moral turpitude as determined and declared from time to time by the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

(k) if convicted of any offence not included in the declaration under sub-section (j), such offence being decided by the State Law and Order Restoration Council as an offence relating to law and order or an offence relating to moral turpitude.

4. The following shall be inserted as sections 80-A, 80-B, 80-C and 80-D in the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law:--

80-A. A person who, having been convicted of high treason or an offence liable to a sentence of death or transportation for life has been declared by the Commission as having no right to continue to be a Hluttaw representative shall have no right to stand for election as a Hluttaw candidate in elections to be held in future.

80-B. A person who, having been convicted of any other offence with the exception of offences under section 80-A has been declared by the Commission as having no right to continue to be a Hluttaw representative shall have no right to stand for election as a Hluttaw candidate in elections to be held within 10 years from the date of being so declared.

80-C. A person whose election as a Hluttaw representative has been decided by the Election Tribunal to be void and who has been notified by the Government, or any Hluttaw representative who, having failed to submit election expenses as prescribed has been decided by the Election Commission as disqualified and who has been declared as such by the Commission, or an election agent shall have no right to stand for election as a Hluttaw candidate in elections to be held within 10 years from the date of being so declared.

80-D. A Hluttaw candidate who, having failed to get elected has been declared by the Commission as disqualified under this Law or under Rules made hereunder, or an election agent shall have no right to stand for election as a Hluttaw candidate in elections to be held within 5 years from the date of being so declared. (WPD 7/11)

July 10: Implementing the above is [SLORC] Order No. 4/91 of July 10, the Order Determining Offences Relating to Law and Order and Offences relating to Moral Turpitude contained in the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, specifying the following:

(a) Offences relating to law and order:

- (i) High Treason;
- (ii) Sedition;
- (iii) Misprision of High Treason;
- (iv) Offences under the Emergency Provisions Act, 1950;
- (v) Offences under the Officials Secrets Act;
- (vi) Offences relating to arms;
- (vii) Offence of emigrating illegally to a foreign country;
- (viii) Offence of immigrating illegally from a foreign country.
- (b) Offences relating to moral turpitude:
 - (i) Theft;
 - (ii) Robbery;
 - (iii) Dacoitery;
 - (iv) Cheating;
 - (v) Misappropriation;
 - (vi) Adultery;
 - (vii) Rape;
 - (viii) Kidnapping, Abduction, Slavery and Forced Labour;
 - (ix) Assault of Criminal Force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty;
 - (x) Offences relating to Pregnancy;
 - (xi) Offences under the Suppression of Prostitution Act;
 - (xii) Offences under the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Law, 1974;
 - (xiii) Offences under the Gambling Law;
 - (xiv) Offence of Bribery and Corruption;
 - (xv) Offences under the Public Property Protection Act;
 - (xvi) Offences under the Public Property Protection Law;
 - (xvii) Offences relating to Foreign Exchange;
 - (xviii) Offences under the State Flag Law;
 - (xix) Offences under the Printers and Publishers Law;
 - (xx) Offences under the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.

(WPD 7/11)

July 13: Editorial: Dealing with moral turpitude and breach of law [excerpt]: "The [SLORC] Order No. 9/ 91 is a natural extension of [SLORC] Law No. 10/91 which comes effective as of 31 May 1989.... If a person after being elected as a Hluttaw representative is convicted of an offence relating to law and order or ...moral turpitude as determined and declared by the [SLORC], he shall have no right to continue to be a Hluttaw representative.... Order No. 4/91 specifically determines the... offences.... The law is the law under any circumstances and it is important that what has been enacted as law can be enforced with vigour and effectiveness with [sic] fear or favour. And the government of the [SLORC] will surely do so for the welfare of the people and the nation so that those elected as Hluttaw representatives will be reliable individuals of honour, morality and righteous character, worthy of being the nation's leaders." (WPD 7/13)

Law Scrutiny Central Body Formed

July 17: [SLORC] Notification No. 33/91 of July 17, establishes a Laws Scrutiny Central Body with the following members:

President: U Tha Tun, Attorney-General

Members: U Aung Toe, Chief Justice

U Maung Maung Gyi, Chairman of the Public Services Selection and Training Board; U Myo Htun Lynn, Justice, Supreme Court; U Khin Maung Aye, Deputy Attorney-General; U Kyaw Aye, Director-General, [SLORC] Office; U Soe Tint, Director-General, Government Office; U Aung Myin, Director-General, Supreme Court

Secretary: U Thaug Nyunt, Director-General, Attorney-General's Office.

The duties of the Central Body are to:

(a) When asked by a Ministry considering nullifying, amending, or replacing a law, to scrutinize whether a it "is beneficial to the State and the people or not or whether it is suitable for the present condition or not."

(b) If it finds an existing law "not beneficial to the State,"

etc., to suggest "whether to nullify or amend it or to enact a new law."

(c) To present recommendation for nullification to the [SLORC], in coordination with the Ministries, within three months of [this] Notification.

(d) To enable Ministries to present laws to be amended, and drafts and causes and effects, to the [SLORC] within three months of the Notification.

(e) To enable Ministries to present new draft laws to the [SLORC], after scrutinizing them within six months of the Notification.

(f) To carry out duties assigned by the [SLORC] in connection with laws that should be nullified, amended, or enacted.

The Central Body can call on organizations to assist it, and demand documents and facts. Staffing and funding will be from the Attorney-General's Office. (WPD 7/18, correction 7/19)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

July 2: Eight KNU insurgents headed by Mya Maung on June 28 opened fire on a middle school in Pedet village, Thayetchaung Twp. [Tanintharyi] and wounded five students aged 14 to 20. (WPD 7/3)

July 11: No. 503 Air Base Commander Brig-Gen. Maung Sett went to Momauk [Kachin] July 1 and presented K3,000 and household goods to each of 441 households "who fled Susce Village due to harassment of KIA terrorists." (WPD 7/12)

July 12: Four KNU terrorists on July 9 burned a truck carrying K\$1 million worth of personal commodities on the Myawady-Kawkareik [Kayin] road. (WPD 7/13)

July 23: An SNPLO mine on July 17 wounded a villager near Htan Saing village, Hsehseng Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 7/24)

Terrorists Surrender

June 30: 26 terrorists surrendered from May 25-30, bringing the May total to 107 [names and details]. (WPD 7/1)

July 20: 22 terrorists surrendered from June 1-7 [names and details]. (WPD 7/21)

July 21: 23 terrorists surrendered from June 8-14 [names and details]. (WPD 7/22)

July 22: 16 terrorists surrendered from June 15-19 [names and details]. (WPD 7/23)

July 23: 22 terrorists surrendered from June 20-30 [names and details]. (WPD 7/24)

July 30: Seven KNU terrorists surrendered with their arms at Myeik [Mergui] on July 23. [photo] (WPD 7/ 31)

KIA Terrorist Captured

July 3: A Tatmadaw column in Mansei Twp. [Kachin] on June 18 captured KIA Tinseinpar station commander Marang Zau La and his wife Daw Laphai Htu Haan, together with weapons, KIA uniforms, and 2 viss of opium. "It is learnt that Marang Zau La demanded protection money from villages in Tinseinpar station and from opium growers and handed them over to KIA Inbar township in-charge Breng Noo." (WPD 7/4)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

July 2,5: Tamu, a pleasant border town in Kabaw valley, by Kyi Hlaing and Nyunt Aung. [Cont. (4-5) Visit to area.]

July 3: Refreshing scenes of Lashio, by Sein Shwe. [Cont. (6) Visit to Lashio.]

July 4,6,8-9,11-12: Biluchaung Hydel Power Project No. 1: Those who are penetrating darkness to bring light, by Swe Oo Maung. [Cont. (4-9) Description of and visit to project.]

July 4: The Pearl, by Nyan Thin. [Cont. (3) Production of

cultured pearls in Myanmar.]

July 6: May they be thankful also in the future, by Warazein. [Cont. Inaugural Myanma Airways flight to Hong Kong, allowing Myanmars in Hong Kong to visit Myanmar. "They are very thankful towards the Tatmadaw Government that has given them permission for them to see their relatives in Myanmar Naing-Ngan whom they have not seen in many years. I wish in my heart may they be thankful also in the future."]

July 7,20: Construction and Renovation: Mingin, a joyful town, by Kyi Hlaing and Nyunt Aung. [Cont. (4-5) Visit to Mingin Township in Sagaing.]

July 11-14,16,22,29: The Regions of Our Brethren: Where the State Law and Order Restoration Council's Goodwill Blossoms Forth, by Ngwe Kalaung. [Development in Wa and Kokang regions, and in other border regions.]

July 17,24: Biluchaung Hydel Power Project No. 2: Lawpita area which gives light to entire country, by Swe Oo Maung. [Description of and visit to the Lawpita power plant near Loikaw.]

July 23,26: Secure and smooth transportation by means of waterway, by Myint Swe. [(1-2) History and description of inland water transport in Myanmar.]

July 28: Twantay Township or ancient Dalla, by Kyaw Sein. [Visit and description.]

Construction and Other Projects

June 30: 150,000 people attended the inauguration of the Yangon City Circular Roads, which total 18.84 miles, including 17 major bridges and 67 culverts. Ceremonies were held at various points around the roads, which were built in 175 days. The roads consist of four sections: (1) from Thameinbarang Road junction to Laydauntkan Road junction (18,700 feet or 3.54 miles--width 48 feet) begun Jan. 1 and finished June 30 under supervision of the No. 55 Light Infantry Division; (2) from Laydauntkan Road junction via Parami and Okponseik and Artharwady Road junctions to Waibargi Road junction (42,000 feet or 7.94 miles--width 66 feet), begun Jan. 4 and finished June 30 under supervision of the No. 22 LID; (3) from Waibargi Road junction via No. 3 Highway to Prome Road junction (15,300 feet or 3 miles--width 46 feet), begun Jan. 19 and finished June 30 under supervision of the No. 11 LID; and (4) from Prome Road via Lower Mingaladon Road to Bayintnaung Road junction (23,000 feet or 4.36 miles--width 46 feet), begun Jan. 15 and completed June 30 under supervision of the Yangon City Development Committee. [map] (WPD 7/ 1)

July 4: The Shwe Ayeyar Department Store of the Ayeyarwady Division Syndicate of Township Co-operatives was inaugurated July 3 in Pathein. (WPD 7/5)

July 7: A laterite road, 3,700' long and 20' wide, built with construction company contributions in Insein Twp. [Yangon], was inaugurated. \\ A township court building was dedicated at Nyaunglebin on July 6. \\ The Mya Thazin Department Store of the Western Command was opened in Sittway on July 5. (WPD 7/8)

July 12: The Maternal and Child Welfare Association's maternity home was inaugurated on 52nd St., Pazundaung Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 7/13)

July 15: The same Association's maternity home for Alon Township [Yangon] was inaugurated at 21 Hninhsi Street. (WPD 7/16)

July 17: A new K900,000 office building for the Yangon Divisional Indigenous Medicine was inaugurated on Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Twp. \\ No. 5 Basic Education High School, built at a cost of K4 million, was inaugurated in Peinnegon Ward, Insein Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 7/18)

July 21: A new telephone exchange was inaugurated in Pyinbongyi village, Bago Twp. \\ On July 18, the No. 6 Middle School No. 6 in Taunggyi [Shan] was upgraded to No. 7 High School. \\ A motor cycle sales centre of Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Trading opened July 17 on 83rd St. (betw. 27th & 28th Sts.), Mandalay. (WPD 7/22)

July 24: The 260 foot Kyeegon bridge in Kyunhla Twp. [Sagaing]

was completed on July 5. It cost K1.5 million. (WPD 7/25)

July 27: A telephone exchange was commissioned in Cocogyunn Twp. [Yangon] [Coco Island in Indian Ocean] on July 17. (WPD 7/28)

July 29: A telephone exchange was commissioned in Tarpun, Nattalin Twp. [Bago]. (WPD 7/30)

Company and Trader Registrations

June 30: In June the Ministry of Trade registered 53 exporters, 39 importers, and 33 business representatives. However, registrations of 169 exporters, 61 importers, and 29 business representatives were cancelled, bringing the current total to 1,903 exporters, 1,074 importers, and 551 business representatives.

Similarly, the Ministry's Companies Registration Office in June registered 43 limited companies, 10 branches of foreign companies, and 26 partnerships, bringing the total to 986 limited companies, 102 branches of foreign companies, and 617 partnerships. (WPD 7/1)

Joint Ventures

July 4: Joint Venture Corporation No. 7 was warned by the Bureau of Special Investigation (BSI) "for not following the rules and regulations in functioning and for not keeping statistics and documents systematically." BSI Director General U Khin Tun said that "outsider physicians and specialist surgeons made use of medical equipment of the Lake View Clinic un JVC No. 7...[but] did not pay the right share from their earnings to the clinic." Moreover, regulations had not been made for earnings in foreign exchange from diplomats and foreigners. Fees were high, and "The JVC 7's primary objective to provide people with affordable medical treatment thus lost its essence." JVC-7 had given merchant U San Mying (a) Ton Yan Kyein of Mandalay K4.5 million in Dec. 1990 and Mar. 1991 "to do border business," but he had only paid in K170,332 as profits, which "was very much small." Some doctors did not pay income tax, and this would subject them to penalties. He urged reform. (WPD 7/5)

July 18: A Ministry of Trade press release authorizes those local and foreign joint ventures in which Ministry of Trade organizations have shares, to import certain goods under Open General Licence (OGL) from Aug. 1, 1991-March 31, 1992. While they need not apply for import licenses, they must adhere to maximum prices already fixed by import license, must have sufficient foreign exchange in their accounts at the Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, must send pro forma invoices or sales contracts to the Ministry, and must import "with foreign exchange not less than the percentage of equity put in by the Trade organizations." Goods which can be imported under OGL are: edible oil, palm oil, fertilizers, veterinary medicines and animal feed supplements, condensed milk and milk powder, newsprint, raw cotton and cotton yarn, GCI [galvanized corrugated iron] sheets, MS rods and wire nails, pedigree stock for poultry, cattle and lamb, high quality seeds, and caustic soda. (WPD 7/19)

Lt-Gen. Chit Swe on Agriculture

July 2: Addressing Tatmadaw Agriculture Training Course No. 16, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe noted that 2,145 Tatamadawmen had attended such courses, sponsored jointly by the Ministries of Defence and of Agriculture and Forests. The courses were intended to "to bring about progress and development in agricultural activities of the Tatmadaw; to conduct multiplier course for disseminating modern agricultural techniques; and to bring about constant progress in the agricultural sector in co-operation with the people."

He said Myanmar has 20 million acres under cultivation, and there are 21 million acres of virgin land and 5 million of fallow land "which could be reclaimed and concerted efforts should be made by all to reclaim the land and put it under cultivation." He called for increased rice production, since it is "the most important export crop."

104 Tatmadawmen are attending the six-month course. (WPD 7/3)

July 16: Addressing the Settlements and Land Records Department, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe said that 689 million baskets of paddy [unmilled rice] were produced in 1982-83, but only 669 million in 1990-91. Efforts should be made to attain the old level. Other important crops such as maize, millet, beans and pulses, oil crops and industrial raw materials should also be expanded for domestic use and export. (WPD 7/17)

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Imports and Exports

July 3: Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading sends mangoes twice a week to Singapore and Hong Kong. I exported 6,672 mangoes from June 9-July 1, 1991, and plans to export flowers and fruit. (WPD 7/4)

July 24: 2,000 metric tons (10,000 drums) of palm oil arrived on the MV Innwa "for sale to the public." (WPD 7/25)

July 27: State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo observed unloading of the MV Innwa, which brought 3,971 tons of palm oil and 1,050 tons of tar. "More palm oil will be arrived, it is learnt." (WPD 7/28)

Trade Workshops

July 8: Trade Workshop No. 2/91 for private entrepreneurs opened. This is the 11th such workshop, intended to encourage foreign trade. 81 participants will attend the one-month workshop. (WPD 7/9)

Tourism Regulations Enacted

July 10: Ministry of Trade Order No. 5/91 of July 10, the Order for Licensing of Tourist Enterprises, is issued in accordance with Section 36(b) of the Myanmar Tourism Law [full text published].

The Order provides for registration and licensing of Tourist Enterprise Operators who arrange tourist travel, accommodation, guides, etc. [services for employees, or for friends or relatives, are excepted]. Such enterprises must be licensed for two year periods; have a minimum capital of K300,000; have separate and well-identified quarters; contribute to a Compensation Fund for tourists established by the Directorate of Trade (DT); pay a bi-annual licence fee of K5,000 (tourism in Myanmar) or K10,000 (tourism abroad), plus K500 for each branch. Licencees are required to advertise tourism terms fully, provide the services advertised, conform to the Code of Conduct prescribed by the DT, submit tour programmes and tariffs to the DT, conform to foreign exchange regulations including the settlement in Myanmar of foreign exchange payments for the Myanmar portions of multi-country tours, and comply with other directives. (WPD 7/11)

Oil Wells

Oct. 10: Drilling was started at Apyauk (A) test well of the Myanma Shell BV Company in Block G, near Innlan village, Taikkyi Twp. [Yangon]. Company director Mr. C. Terwogt said he was delighted with the prospect of exploring oil on Myanmar land. A test well will also be drilled at Intaya A camp. [map] (WPD 7/ 11)

Transportation

July 16: Speaking to the Central Supervision Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transportation, State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said: "The achievements made to bring about secure

and smooth transportation and to bring down commodity prices have not been satisfactory yet.... The number of trips of trains, motor vehicles, vessels and aircraft have been increased; spareparts...[are being] imported to help ensure better transportation"

Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt then said that "Although some are saying that the fuel oil is not adequate we have made arrests for the blackmarketing of fuel oil." (WPD 7/17)

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
July 1	29.21	21.85	25.44
July 15	47.17	35.08	38.31
July 30	60.43	50.94	55.75

HEALTH

WHO Award

July 3: Maj. Tin Maung (Ret.) (Writer Theikpan Hmu Tin) was the winner of the World Health Organization Tobacco or Health Medal for the South-East Asian Region, for "agitating and educating the public against smoking and bringing about non-smoking society." Following his retirement from Tatmadaw in 1964, Maj. Tin Maung wrote science articles "to warn youths against the dangers of smoking." He brought out the Theikpan Magazine as Chief Editor beginning in 1980. [photo] (WPD 7/4)

Anti-Drug Programme

July 9: A meeting "to recount drug abuse control work in foreign countries" was held at the Botahtaung Basic Education High School No. 6 [Yangon]. Director-General of Higher Education U Win Maung and Principal of Thingangyunn Teachers Training School Daw Kyin Hi shared their experiences in Thailand, Malaysia, and Hong Kong. Yangon Division Education Officer U Chin Sein told of experiences in Sweden and Norway. A video documentary on AIDS, brought from Hong Kong, was shown. (WPD 7/10)

SPORTS

Sports Teams Abroad

June 30: Australia defeated Myanmar June 28 (15-11, 15-7, 15-7) in the Third Asia-Pacific International Cup Men's Volleyball Tournament in Fukuoka, Japan, reducing Myanmar's record to 2-2. (WPD 7/1) // July 3: The Myanmar team returned, after placing fourth out of eight teams. (WPD 7/4)

July 10: The Myanmar rowing team that won the Second World Invitational Dragon Boat Race in Singapore, handed over the US\$3,000 cash prize it won to the State. (WPD 7/ 11)

July 11: A Myanmar boxing team led by U Aung Soe left for Bangkok to participate in the Asia Invitational Boxing Tournament starting July 13. It included Boxing Federation Secretary U San Myint (coach), San Hla Lay (Light-flyweight), Win Kyi (Flyweight), and Thaung Tun (Featherweight). (WPD 7/12)

July 17: A Myanmar volley-ball team headed by Deputy Director U Maung Win of the Sports and Physical Education Department left via Lashio and Muse for Yunnan, China, for a two-week series of good-will volley-ball matches. (WPD 7/18)

July 30: A Myanmar golf team headed by Golf Federation President Lt-Col. Maung Maung Lay left for Bangkok to participate in the 31st South-East Asia Amateur Putra Cup Golf Team Championships beginning Aug. 6. The team includes Lt-Col. Ko Ko Lay (coach), U Kyaw Paing (assistant coach), and golfers Soe Kyaw Naing, WO II Myint Thaung, Sgt. Thein Pe, Cpl. Win Aung, Cpl. Ohn Myint, and Sgt. Maung Maung Tar. (WPD 7/31)

Sports Delegations Abroad

July 17: A sports delegation headed by Yangon Command No. 2 Military Region Commander Col. Win Hlaing left for China under the sports exchange programme. He was accompanied by Assistant Director U Mya Than of the Sports and Physical Education Department and Assistant Electrical Engineer U Win Pe and Assistant Civil Engineer U Aung Myint of the National Indoor Stadium-1. (WPD 7/18)

Hole-in-One

July 27: Soe Soe (a) Soe Kyaw Naing scored a hole-in-one at the 165-yard par-3 11th hole of the Yangon Golf Course, while training for the Thai Putra Cup Golf Tournament. (WPD 7/28)

CULTURAL

Literary and Cultural Articles

July 7,14,21,28: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. (50-53)]

July 7: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (28) "Elder aunt Hpwar Saw's prayer."]

July 7,14,21,28: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (89-92) {5-8} Poet Naung & his poems.]

July 7,14,19,21,28: Poems (in Myanmar and English). [(1) "Golden land, silver land, our Myanmar" by Htila Sitthu. (2) "My verse" by Moe Si. (July 19) "Nightmare of 19 July Night" by Ngwe Tah Yi. (3-4) "Mother Ayeyarwady" by Nay Thway Ni.]

July 7,14,21,28: Short Stories. [(1) Cont. "Golden Rice" by Zawana. (1) "After thirty years" by Pe Than. (2-4) (1-3) "Shwe chit, Ngwe chit" by Tint De. (4) "His world, his life" by Pe Than.]

July 14,21,28: Dhanu Poet U Ywai, by Daw Khin Nyun (Innlay). [(2) (1) "Thila Khan Linga & wuttu under another title." {Shan poems, dated 1832, recently discovered on palm leaves.} (3) (2) "Three poets with the name of U Ywai." (3) (3) "Poets with the same name." {Other poets with identical names.} (4) "The poet's autobiography."]

Religious Articles

July 26: The Sublime Truth between two Extremes, by Ven Bhaddanta Pannadipa (W.B.M.I.). [The Middle Path of Buddhism.]

Poster Exhibition Continues

The Exhibition on Posters and Sculptures with the theme "Making patriotism alive and dynamic," continued throughout the month at the Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road. It is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

Unified Musician Organization

July 4: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt met with music artists at the Ministry of Defence "to discuss emergence of a consolidated organization of the music artistes from all strata." He said "that music, thabin (theatrical) and film artistes were those who had carried out the duties whenever they were assigned by the State and that they had been able to make use of their artistic skills most effectively in the field of mass media."

He said "that the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Music Artistes Organization [MMAO] needed to be the one which was able to lead and organize various strata of music artistes including stereo music artistes," and "called for constructive discussions for the emergence" of such a group. Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt reiterated the call.

Chairman of the MMAO U Hla Htut and Secretaries Daw Mar Mar Aye and Hinthada Myint Ngwe called for an organization "producing songs that make patriotism alive and dynamic and stereo music services." Accordion Ohn Kyaw, Sein Mo Mo, Thukhamein Hlaing, Peter Ba Thein, Gangawdaw Myo Aung, Khin Maung Htoo, Aye Aye Aung, and Al U Soe Myint gave their suggestions.

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said all should cooperate in the endeavor

to enroll "all members of five strata such as vocalists, composers, musicians, proprietors of recording services and producers and classic, modern and stereo vocalists...." When the united organization is formed, "members...will have to make efforts for preserving the race, religion and language. Patriotism is prerequisite in the Union of Myanmar Music artistes should make efforts for the resurrection of patriotism. If the culture diminished, the national independence can go with it. Hence it is the duty of music artistes to prevent the country from dominating by alien cultures. I would like to urge you all to put 'Our Three Main Causes' in the fore and get your selves imbued with patriotic spirit." (WPD 7/5)

Video & Film Policies

July 10: The Chairman of the Yangon Division Video Films Scrutiny and Supervision Committee, Police Col. Thein Lin, met with "producers, distributors and hirers" of video films at the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone meeting hall, and "outlined the two basic policies on filming movies and video plays. The first point, he said, was that the movies and video plays produced must be in conformity with policy for making patriotism alive and dynamic. The second point, he said was that the films and plays produced must assist in preserving and protecting traditions and culture and customs." He advised all to study the Video Act, and said that "action had to be taken in 372 cases for producing video films illegally; 40 cases for showing pornographic video films and 19 cases for smuggling in video films." (WPD 7/11)

Statistics on Sale

July 16: The Review of Financial, Economic and Social Conditions for 1991-92 (English Version) has gone on sale at the Sarpay Beikman bookshop, 529 Merchant St., Yangon, for K70. (WPD 7/20)

University Admissions

July 21: The Higher Education Department has announced that "those who passed the 1988 BEHS examination in (A) list may apply for admission for 1991-92 academic year and that they may take out admission guide books, application forms and forms for the marks gained from the invigilators of the respective examination centres beginning from 24 July, at K6 per set." Applications and transcripts must be received by Aug. 14. (WPD 7/22)

Newspaper Computerization

July 22: A 6-week training course on computerized newspaper production for the News and Periodicals Enterprise (NPE) began at the Myanma Computer Co. Ltd. at 317 Maha Bandoola St, Yangon. 18 NPE trainees are attending. NPE Managing Director U Soe Nyunt "said the course would be a milestone in the history of newspaper production as the step was taken towards word processing and type-setting with the use of computers." (WPD 7/23)

July 28: Editorial: Training course on computerized production. "The success of the NPE can be judged by the circulation of The Loktha Pyithu Nezin newspaper which has exceeded 200,000 copies daily. The NPE has also published 125 items of books to a total number of nearly 2.3 million...." (WPD 7/28)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included. We note crimes and locations, but generally not individuals or who was booked.

June 29: The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on May 20 seized 4.9 kilos of raw opium from a woman in Seven-Mile village, Momauk Twp. (WPD 7/1)

July 2: A Yangon Military Tribunal sentenced a woman and two men to seven and five years respectively "for selling two women in Ranong, Thailand, to work as prostitutes there." (WPD 7/3)

July 3: North Okkalapa police on June 24 arrested a woman "planning to sell two young girls as prostitutes in another country." \\ Tarmway [Yangon] police on June 16 arrested a man who snatched a gold chain from a woman near Kyaukmyaung Market, along with his getaway driver. (WPD 7/4)

July 4: Two men who stole K500,750 in cash and goods from Lakaba Store at 354 Maha Bandoola St. [Yangon] were arrested by Kyauktada police on June 25, and the property recovered. \\ South Okkalapa [Yangon] police on June 25 seized home brew distilling equipment. (WPD 7/5)

July 5: Dagon Myothit (South) [Yangon] police on June 26 seized home brew distilling equipment. (WPD 7/6)

July 7: Soldiers in Muse Twp. [Shan] on June 29 seized 7.3 kilos of heroin from a vehicle coming from Mongkoe. (WPD 7/8)

July 8: Goktwin customs checkpoint officials in Nawngkhio Twp. [Shan] on June 24 seized 2.6 kilos of heroin from a Muse-Mandalay passenger bus. The driver and conductor were charged. (WPD 7/9)

July 9: Kengtung [Shan] police on July 2 seized 9 drums of gasoline. \\ Soldiers in Mar. 28 arrested two women near Kengtung with "three women...[they] intended to sell into prostitution in another country." The Kengtung Township Court on July 1 sentenced one to life imprisonment and the other to 10 years. (WPD 7/ 10)

July 10: Letpanbya Station police on June 15 seized 6.5 kilos of raw opium in Kanywa, Kyaukpadaung [Mandalay]. (WPD 7/11)

July 12: Lashio police on July 6 seized gold bars and gold jewellery weighing over 103 ticals from a vehicle near Hopeik village at the entrance to Lashio. (WPD 7/13)

July 13: The Monywa anti-drug squad on July 4 seized 14.4 litres of phensedyl in Yongyi ward, Monywa. \\ The Lashio anti-drug squad on May 26 seized 6.6 kilos of raw opium from a vehicle at Lashio. (WPD 7/14)

July 18: The Dalla Twp. [Yangon] Township Court on July 3 sentenced Kyaw Hlaing to two months imprisonment for possessing 22 gallons of illicit liquor. \\ Yangon police on June 25 seized 27 cartons of fake "Duya" filter export-quality cigarettes. Hla Win confessed to buying local cigarettes for K60 per carton, adding filters and forged labels, and selling them for K180 per carton. (WPD 7/19)

July 19: The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on July 9 seized 4.8 kilos of raw opium in Legon village. Railway police at Nawngkhio Station on July 4 seized 1.5 kilos of heroin and 2.8 kilos of raw opium from passengers on the Lashio-Mandalay train. (WPD 7/20)

July 20: The Sittway anti-drug squad on July 6 raided a house and seized 1.7 kilos of raw opium. (WPD 7/21)

July 22: Yangon police arrested private tutor Daw Khin Mi Mi Aye (a) Mee Mee of Pazundaung Twp. who "cheated people out of their money saying that she is friendly with the family of State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt." She took K362,000 to arrange for six youths to go abroad, and spent K100,000 to arrange passports, visas, and air tickets. She also took K15,000 intended as a donation to the Military hospital, saying it would be delivered via Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt's wife, and kept it. She paid one Maung Kyaw Linn K1,000 to "report on strange movements in Mandalay" and to "observe student movements in Yangon," saying she had been assigned intelligence duties by Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. \\ The Myitkyina anti-drugs squad on July 17 seized 0.2 kilo of heroin from the vessel Padauk as it was leaving Bhamo for Mandalay. (WPD 7/23)

July 24: The National Intelligence Bureau has arrested U Aung Tin, a clerk at the Hlinethaya Twp. [Yangon] Law and Order Restoration Council Office, for taking K205,000 in kickbacks from Contractor U Myo Thant Tun. \\ The Dagon Twp. [Yangon] police have recovered stolen laboratory equipment worth K26,245 taken from the Indigenous Medicine Department by electricians doing a wiring job.

(WPD 7/25)

Obituaries

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

July 3: Cecilia Jangma Doi, widow of Salong-U Lazum Brang Wa, died in Yangon, aged 79. [Christian] (WPD 7/ 5)

July 5: Capt. Ba Hlaing (a) Peter Knight, Retd. Port Officer, Mergui, husband of Daw Myint Myint Than (a) Caroline, died in Yangon, aged 68. [Christian] (WPD 7/7)

July 6: U Kyaw Thein, (IS.--Retd.), B.A. (Hons.), B.L., Bar-at-Law, General Manager (Retd), People's Bawdwin Industry, husband of Daw Thet Tin, died in Yangon [no age given]. (WPD 7/7)

July 12: Daw Elsie, wife of U Saw Shay Tha, died in Yangon, aged 66. [Christian] (WPD 7/14)

July 16: U Saw Charles Pru, husband of Daw Ohn May, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (WPD 7/18)

July 17: Naw Sein Mya (Ah Phi-Lonle), Taw Pya Gyi-Thantaung, wife of Rev. U Saw Lonle, died in Yangon, aged 91. [Christian] (WPD 7/18)

July 22: Lt. Col. Saratha Perieswami, Officer Commanding (Retd.), Salvation Army, Myanmar Command, daughter of the late Perieswami and Aandal Amall, died in Yangon, aged 68. [Christian] (WPD 7/24)

July 25: Brother Gyi Pascal, founder of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier Congregation, profess. 49, died in Pathein, aged 76. [Christian] (WPD 7/26)

July 27: Mr. Jimmy D'costa (Ex-foreman E.P Ahlone), husband of Daw Yin Yin, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (WPD 7/28)

July 28: U Ngwe Tun (Hpa-an), husband of the late Daw Lone Khin, father of U Saw Ba Tun and Naw Primrose Tun (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New York)...died in Yangon, aged 89. [Christian] (WPD 7/29)

July 28: Daw Mya Thwin (Mrs. T. Mcleod) of London, U.K., Ex-Teacher, A.B.M. Girls' High School, died in Yangon, aged 79. [Baptist] (WPD 7/29)

July 30: Maria Daw Kyin Myaing, relict of the late Angelus U Nyunt Khwe, died in Yangon, aged 76. [Catholic] (WPD 7/31)

Meiktila Fire Relief

July 4: The Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur sent 1,200 corrugated iron sheets worth Singapore \$6,000 to the Red Cross for Meiktila fire relief. The sheets arrived June 8 by MV Hpa-an. (WPD 7/5)

July 5: The French Red Cross donated US\$5,000 of medicines to the Myanmar Red Cross for Meiktila fire victims. (WPD 7/6)

July 12: Mr. Loh Mui Fah of Seal Inc. Bhd. Co. in Thailand donated K20,000 for fire relief. (WPD photo caption 7/13)

July 18: Mr. Ong of the Henley Agencies Pte. Ltd., and shareholders of Myint Trading donated K100,000 for fire relief. \\ Mr. Hiroshi Hiyama, a Japanese volleyball instructor, donated US\$ 1,000. (WPD photo captions 7/18)

July 22: Relief goods bought with foreign donations were distributed, bought with gifts from UNDRO (US\$25,000), UNDP (\$50,000), Germany (\$28,000), the USA (K535,000), and Australia (K50,000). (WPD 7/23)

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

Total contributions since April 9, as of July 29, were K25,561,203.

Narcotics & Refineries Destroyed

July 1: The "fourth exhibition on destruction of narcotics drugs seized by law enforcement agencies" was held on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangonn Twp., Yangon, in the presence of Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen.

Phone Myint, Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt, Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein, military officers, journalists, foreign diplomats, international agency representatives, and representatives of the American Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), etc.

According to Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun, drugs worth US\$ 192 million (K 1,206 million) were destroyed, including 76.4 kilos of heroin, 29 kilos of morphine, 1.5 kilos of opium oil, 6.7 kilos of liquid opium, 378 kilos of marijuana, and 2267 litres of Phensedyl. This brings the total destroyed in the four exhibitions to US\$ 1,511 million, which added to refineries, drugs, paraphernalia on poppy fields of three times as much, brings the grand total to US\$ 4,330 million. Touching off the fires were the German, Australian, and Pakistani Ambassadors and the UNDP Resident Representative.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw answered questions and distributed a booklet. German Ambassador Dr. B.W. von Marschall congratulated the Myanmar government for its efforts, but asked whether the figure cited in the June 27 Working People's Daily, that 100,402 million dollars of drugs had been destroyed, was correct, or whether "there were some misprints or some miscalculations in the figures." The Deputy Minister replied that the official figures in the booklet issued today were correct and that the "newspapers might have obtained the figures from other sources."

Asked whether Thailand and Myanmar had "recently agreed to combat the activities of drug lord Khun Sa jointly," the Deputy Minister said "that it was not true because what the two countries could do bilaterally would be a mechanism of exchange of information and providing facilities as far as technology was concerned and beyond that they could only seek international co-operation for making greater achievements." He added that Myanmar "is also taking measures to ensure the rule of law in our territory."

Asked about the number of drug addicts in Myanmar, Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun cited the figures on page 14 of the booklet on Narcotics Control Measures, that there were 50,889 such persons registered as addicts as of Dec. 31, 1990, namely: 33,741 opium addicts; 11,947 heroin addicts; 362 marijuana addicts; and 4,839 other addicts.

Asked about the imposition of death sentences under the 1974 Narcotic Drug Law, the Deputy Minister answered "offhand," saying that "there was one case in which the death sentence was passed" in Mandalay, and "that there are arrangements to take similar measures in future."

UNICEF Resident Representative Rolf C. Carriers "said it is well-known that children are often used in the business of trafficking drugs and that they have been apprehended. He said he would like to know how many children were used in such a way in the previous year. U Ohn Gyaw replied that there have been no records of using children in such a manner." (WPD 7/2)

July 25: An Eastern Command column destroyed two opium refineries at the foot of Kyet-hin-gar-thee Hill, in Pung Pa Hkyem area, Mong Ton Twp. [Shan], on the Thai border. The column left Mong Ton on June 26, and on June 30 found and burned two abandoned refineries with huts. [map] (WPD 7/26, photos 7/27-28)

Birth, Marriage, Engagement

Apr. 26: Khin Thet Zin Tint (a) Maria San was born to Maung Myo Tint and Khin Nwe Aung in Hara Hospital, Katsuta, Japan. (WPD 7/17)

July 7: Albert Watson (a) Khin Maung Thein married Esther Gabriel (a) Ma Sein Hla at St. Mary's Cathedral, Yangon. (WPD 7/17)

July 10: Ma Sandi Saint, daughter of U Aung Saint and Daw Margaret Po, got engaged to Mg. Thiha, son of U Wynn Zaw and Daw Khine Thin Thin. (WPD 7/19)

July 17: All Old Pupils of St. Mary's Diocesan High School are

invited to celebrate ex-Principal Daw Khin Khin's birthday on July 20 at Community Hall. (WPD 7/17)

Earthquake

July 17: An earthquake of slight intensity (3.1 Richter) was recorded at 13:25:12 Myanmar time, with epicentre 35 miles N of Yangon. (WPD 7/ 18)

Floods

Flood Warnings: During the month there were repeated Flood Bulletins and Flood Warnings of expected flood crests at danger levels on major Myanmar rivers.

July 20: The Chindwin river has been at danger level of 1,360 cm. since July 5 and since July 13 has been at 1,771 cm. The authorities have evacuated 17,570 people from 3,212 households from Hkamti [Sagaing] and neighbouring villages to higher ground. 28 houses in Hkamti, 18 in Sinthay village, 10 in Kindaw village, 6 and a Soonsarkyaung in Lawei village, and a monastery in Pawmaing Ward were swept away because of river bank erosion. 400 bags of rice at the Co-op were damaged and 12 cattle drowned. (WPD 7/ 21)

Boat Capsizes

July 21: The motorized vessel Kyaw Soe Aung, which plies between Pwintbyu and Yenangyoung, capsized in the Ayeyarwady River near Yenangyoung on July 15. Of the 30 passengers, 3 were drowned and 10 are missing; 16 were rescued. (WPD 7/22)

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