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To our Readers: We regret the delay in issuing the September (and still forthcoming October and November) issues. We have been able to provide them, even if late, through the courtesy of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at the University Libraries, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, which has loaned copies to us. As readers are aware, the Burma Press Summary is back on track beginning with the December 1992 issue, and by the time they receive this they should have also received the January 1993 issue. The October and November issues will be forthcoming as rapidly as we can process them. -- HCMacD.

POLITICAL CRISIS

Slogans

Regular Slogans: See January 1992 issue.

Variable Slogans: Since August 1991, The Working People's Daily has run a changing religious slogan at the top of each front page:

Sept. 1-13: Panditanan ca sevana, to associate with the wise; ; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Sept. 14-27 Puja ca pujaneyyanam, to honour those worthy of honour; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Sept. 28-30: Patirupadesavaso ca, to dwell in suitable locality; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Cartoons

Examples of political/economic cartoons:

Sept. 1: Big umbrella over tea-house patrons; man waving tiny umbrella: "Big umbrella is for use at roadside stall...small one is for use on board the bus."

Sept. 2: Man surrounded by angry creditors labeled "Rice creditor," "Cooking Oil creditor", and "Tea shop owner": "It's Pay-Day! Creditors are waiting to be paid!"

Sept. 4: Husband to wife (looking at picture of hippy on the wall): "You better have a talk with your son and daughter.... They are dressing rather out-landishly these days!"

Sept. 5: Patient to "Specialist treatment" doctor: "How much would it cost if I had only ordinary treatment and not specialist treatment?"

Sept. 6: First Myanmar: "Why did that rich man's son with 800 million become a pauper? [Thinking: "Lack of Education".] Second Myanmar: "Because he went on a pilgrimage and had to pay gate fees and to contribute cash donations all along the way."

Sept. 7: Myanmar woman to husband: "Come on! Show some courage! You're only going to the market...don't be so hesitant and timid!"

Sept. 8: Women watching woman with chicken-filled basket: "Her husband is a gate-guard at the hospital."

Sept. 9: Man with tiffin-carrier knocking on a door: "Yoo hoo! I'm here for a visit... I've brought my own food!" [Note: Given the Burmese hospitality tradition of feeding anyone who appears at meal-time, this suggests a food shortage--HCMacD.]

Sept. 10: Visiting officials: "You put on quality goods...not bad at all!" Salesclerk: "Yes, we always do so." Customer: "Can't I have one at the same quality and price as the one shown just now? Clerk: But that one is only for display when authorities come for inspection. Customer (thinks): "Oh that's the way it is...."

Sept. 11: Father: "Son...haven't you got the teachership appointment for which you applied?" Son: "It is not that easy, father. Getting a degree in Education does not automatically lead to landing a job as a teacher...it requires money...K 8,000 even for the post of a school watchman. K 20,000 for the post of a PAT. K 30,000 for the post of a JAT. K 50,000 for the post of a SAT."

Sept. 12: Daughter: "Who would you want me to marry, mother, a Drug Shop Sales Clerk or a Grog Shop Server?" Mother: "Why not both, daughter?"

Sept. 13: One Myanmar to another: "I went in because a fashion show was going on.... It was only a society wedding."

Sept. 14: Sign: "Specialist Mr. Greedy (ABCDEFGH)." Doctor (hears through stethoscope): "Please charge little for diagnosis! Please charge little for diagnosis!"

Sept. 15: Sign: "Sales Department." Clerk: "A cartoonist wants to buy some of the goods." Manager: "Is that so? Well, sell it to him! Sell it to him quickly...otherwise he might put us in one of his cartoons....!"

Sept. 16: Sign: Grog Shop. First Myanmar: "They say that drinking it neat is asking for an early death.!" Second Myanmar: "Not to worry! There's absolutely no need to add water... They've already done it for us."

Sept. 17: First Myanmar (looking at sparkling building): "That's strange... everything's spick and span!" Second Myanmar: "Don't you know. A VIP's coming!"

Sept. 18: Cartoonist to friend: "A cartoonist should study logic, philosophy, etc." Wife (through door): "Here, Mr Cartoonist. You'd better study 'kitchenology' first."

Sept. 20: Inspector to official of "Myanmar Durian Jam Co Ltd": "Ah...the work programme of your company, please." Official: "We advertised 'vacancy' thrice. Then, we sold directives of five kyats each and application forms at ten kyats each. In this way, we have no gained over K 3 million profit. Hehehe!:"

Sept. 21: "Private tutor" to colleagues: "Who will deny that we are providing invaluable contribution towards education?"

Sept. 22: Man to couple: "How come you've become so poor?"

Couple: "Well, there was a continuous stream of live-in guests at our house for months at a time."

Sept. 23: Mother to teacher: "Teacher, my son tells me that you teach him at home better than at school."

Sept. 24: Doctor pointing out "Doctor Bourgeois" clinic to friend, in smog-filled area containing signs saying "Iron smelting works", "Lead smelting", "Plastic works", "Aluminium Works", "Lead smelting works", "Rubber industry", "Battery Charging", "Plastic works", and "Rubber compound": "Having heard this ward to be very famous, I tried my luck by opening a clinic and found it to be very...very good."

Sept. 25: One frazzled Myanmar to another: "Our Bus plies the full roster of trips ...that is, except during the rush hour periods...!"

Sept. 26: Clerk (with sign reading "Avoid bribery and corruption" behind him) to client: "If you want to give something come and give it at my home, not here at office."

Sept. 27: Husband: "Hey! You bought eggs again." Wife: "You said buy something not adulterated or short-weighted."

Sept. 28: Trousered Myanmar to another: "We work in that country... Those in that country work in another...!"

Sept. 29: Superior to bureaucrat: "Make field trips. Make field trips." Bureaucrat (arrived in paddyfield): "You were asked to grow paddy. Haven't you grown paddy?" Peasant: "But they are paddy plants." Bureaucrat: "Hey! Is that so?"

Sept. 30: Client: "Amazing! Everyone's present at the office today!" Bureaucrat: "Of course! It's pay day you know!"

Political Articles

Sept. 18: Four years of goodwill, by Kyaw Thura. [Virtues of SLORC administration.]

Doctors Refresher Course

Sept. 5: Doctors attending the Special Refresher Course No. 2 at the Central Institute of Public Services (CIPS) at Phaunggyi gave voluntary treatment to 1,104 patients from CIPS families, Prison Department personnel, Information and Public Relations Department personnel, Tatmadawmen, and villagers. They also donated K15,105 of medicines. (WPD 9/6)

Sept. 12: Addressing the closing session of the Course, SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt reviewed Government health activities and presented prizes. "Health, he said, is interrelated with the economic, defence and social development of the country and especially, drug addiction and AIDS must be viewed not as ordinary disease but spawned by foreign cultures and combated with a national outlook. He reminded the doctors to abide by the laws, rules, orders and directives to be followed by government personnel or a citizen, saying being loyal to the State is an international code of conduct."

Prisoners Released

Sept. 8: 23 men "against whom action was taken according to the existing laws and serving sentences" were released from Pathein jail under SLORC Declaration No. 11/92 on reduction of jail terms. (WPD 9/8)

Sept. 10: 30 men were released from Insein and Pathein jails after their sentences were reduced under SLORC Declaration 11/ 92. (WPD 9/11)

Sept. 12: 23 men were released from Pathein jail. (WPD 9/13)

Sept. 15: 18 men and one woman were released from Maubin Jail. (WPD 9/16)

Sept. 18: 32 men and one woman were released from Maubin jail. (WPD 9/19)

Sept. 19: 27 men were released from Myaungmya Jail. (WPD 9/20)

Sept. 22: 46 men were released from Hinthada and Insein Jails. (WPD 9/23)

Sept. 28: Altogether, 529 persons have been released from

prison, and 5 from restrictions, under SLORC Declaration No. 11/ 92 of April 23, 1992 [details]. (WPD 9/29)

Curfew Ended

Sept. 10: SLORC Order No. 10/92 of Sept. 10, Deletion of Curfew Order, provides:

"In view of the fact that the security, prevalence of Law and Order and regional peace and tranquillity of the State have improved, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby deletes the prohibition 'No one shall go into the streets from 23:00 hours (11 pm) to 04:00 hours (4 am) without specific permission to do so' of Order No. 4/90 of 10th October, 1990, which was the latest amendment of paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (a) of Order No. 2/88 of 18th September, 1988, with effect from this day.

By Order
Sd/-Khin Nyunt
Major-General
Secretary (1)

The State Law and Order Restoration Council
(WPD 9/11)

SLORC Anniversary

Sept. 17: Speaking on the "Fourth Anniversary of the Advent of the State Law and Order Restoration Council", SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe told a coordinating meeting with State/Division and LORC members that "undertakings that would be beneficial only in the short term but disadvantageous in the long term are to be avoided." He urged them "to strive their utmost to make use of the materials available in the country and to avoid dependence on foreign materials." Turning to administration, he "said that proper and thorough instructions are to be given to those who would take charge of duties when the Townships are reconstituted" [see below]. Finally, he "cautioned against the danger of foreign interferences," and told officials "to beware of possible combined military and political movement of underground terrorist organizations." (WPD 9/18)

From Sept. 18-26 there were several pages of photographs in each issue depicting activities of SLORC Ministers, Deputy Ministers and other members since 1988.

Absconders Return

Sept. 21: Two people, Maung Zaw Myo Thura and his wife Ma Tin Tin Win, who absconded to India after the 1988 disturbances, returned home. They met in India and were married in 1991 [details and photo]. (WPD 9/22)

Bangladesh Border Returnees

Sept. 22: 46 persons (25 men and 21 women) were handed over to Myanmar authorities by Bangladesh Khaungton Camp official Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed, and were returned to the Kanyinchaung Reception Camp in Maungdaw Township. "The group is the first to return to Myanmar Naing-Ngan after fleeing the country.... Leaders of Myanmar Naing-Ngan and Bangladesh agreed to repatriate, after due scrutiny, those who fled Myanmar Naing-Ngan tino Bangladesh. The agreement was reached during the discussions between 23 and 28 April 1992.... Departments concerned are making arrangements to send them back to their respective areas of residence." (WPD 9/23)

Martial Law Revoked

Sept. 26: SLORC Order No. 12/92 of Sept. 26, Revocation of Martial Law Orders, reads [text]:

In consideration of the improvement and stability of the general situation in the State and in view of the interest of the people, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby revokes the following Martial Law Orders with effect from this day:ÄÄ

(1) Martial Law Order No 1/89 dated 17th July, 1989, of the State Law and Order Restoration Council issued in respect of the

conferring of executive and judicial Martial Law powers to be exercised by certain Military Commanders within their respective Military regions;

(2) Martial Law Order No 2/89, dated 18th July, 1989, of the State Law and Order Restoration Council issued in respect to the procedure to be followed in administering justice by the Military Tribunals.
(WPD 9/27)

Township LORCs Reorganized

Sept. 28: SLORC Declaration No. 14/92 of Sept. 28, Re-organization of Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, reads [text]:

It is now over four years that the State Law and Order Restoration Council formed the Township Law and Order Restoration Councils and assigned responsibilities thereto under sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 1 of Declaration No. 5/88 dated 20th September, 1988. At present the Multi-party Democratic System is being implemented within the State. In anticipation of the future administrative machinery and in order that the administrative organizations may acquire practice and experience the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby re-organizes the Township Law and Order Restoration Councils as follows and assigns responsibilities thereto:ÄÄ

Township Law and Order Restoration Council

(1) Staff Officer, Township General Administration
Department ... Chairman

(2) Township People's Police Force Commander ... Member

(3) Staff Officer, Township Immigration and Man-power
Department ... Member

(4) Staff Officer, Township Planning Department, or, An office of the Township level assigned responsibility by the Chairman ...
Secretary
(WPD 9/29)

ELECTIONS

Hluttaw Member Resigns

Sept. 23: Election Commission Announcement 1030 states that U Hkun Hsaing, elected in 1990 as National League for Democracy Pyithu Hluttaw member for Kutkai 1, has been permitted to resign "for health reasons." (WPD 9/24)

Two Hluttaw Members Die

Sept. 28: Election Commission Announcement 1031 states that U Khin Maung Aye, elected in 1990 as National League for Democracy Pyithu Hluttaw member for Budalin-2, died on Sept. 5 and has therefore been cancelled from the list of representatives. (WPD 9/29)

Sept. 29: Election Commission Announcement 1032 states that U Tun Tin, elected in 1990 as Shan Nationalities League for Democracy Pyithu Hluttaw member for Kehsi, died on Sept. 7 and has therefore been cancelled from the list of representatives. (WPD 9/30)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Gen. Than Shwe on Convention

Sept. 15: At a coordination meeting with State/Division LORCs, SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe noted that it was almost four years since the SLORC took over State responsibilities, and that this is a term for a normal government. The Tatmadaw would not hold on to power for long and would return it to the people at an appropriate time. The coordination meeting for convening a National Convention has been held, and preparatory measures for the Convention are being taken. In the meantime, internal and external organizations as well as above-ground and under-ground groups were creating difficulties, trying to exert pressure militarily and economically while instigating the national races. He called for precautionary measures and warned

against being swayed by such attempts. (WPD 9/16)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Sept. 14: French Ambassador Alain Briottet called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung to discuss economic cooperation. (WPD 9/15)

Sept. 17: Indian Ambassador Shri Preet Mohan Singh Malik, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, called on SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe. (WPD 9/18)

Sept. 22: Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Van Tiep called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 9/23)

Sept. 24: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel. Indian Ambassador Shri Preet Mohan Singh Malik called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 25: Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen. Chin Siat Yoon, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng, called on SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe, and on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 29: Belgian Ambassador Xavier Van Migem called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin. (WPD 9/30)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Sept. 5: Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Aung Phone left for Italy. (WPD 9/6) // Sept. 27: On Sept. 22 he presented credentials in Rome to Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro. (WPD 9/28)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Sept. 2: The Government has approved the nomination of Mr. Valeri Vartanovitch Nazarov as new Russian Ambassador to Myanmar. He was born in 1941 and graduated from the Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations. He entered the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1965 and served in Myanmar from 1965-73 and 1982-88. Since February 1992 he has been Director of the Department of West and South Asia in the Russian Foreign Ministry. He speaks Myanmar and English, is married, and has two daughters. (WPD 9/3)

Sept. 25: The Government has approved the nomination of Mr. G. Parthasarathy as new Indian Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Parthasarathy was born May 13, 1940. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1968 and has served in Moscow, Dar-es-Salaam [where your compiler knew him well], Washington and Karachi. He is currently Indian High Commissioner in Cyprus. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 30: The Government has approved the nomination of General (Police) Mochamad Sanoesi as new Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar. The General was born Feb. 21, 1936. He joined the Indonesian Police in 1962 and has served in various capacities; since 1991 he has been "the highest official at the police headquarters." He is married, with three daughters. (WPD 9/30)

Myanmar Rejoins Non-Aligned Movement

Sept. 1: Following a Consensus Decision at the Ministerial Meeting "for Myanmar Naing-Ngan to rejoin the Non-Aligned Movement," a delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw left for Jakarta to participate in the 10th Non-Aligned Movement Summit Meeting. The Myanmar delegation will include Ambassador to Thailand U Nyunt Swe, Ambassador to Indonesia U Nyunt Tin, Director-General of the Political Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Aye, Myanmar Charge d'Affaires to Singapore U Kyaw Myint, Counsellor of the Embassy in Jakarta Daw Than Than Htay, and Personal Staff Officer

Daw Moe Thuzar. Myanmar was a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement in 1961. "But from 1979, due to prevailing circumstances and varied reasons, Myanmar temporarily suspended its participation in the Non-Aligned Movement for a period of time.... Due to the evolving changes taking place at present within and without the country, Myanmar believes that the Non-Aligned Movement can play an increasingly significant role in international affairs. Moreover, Myanmar is convinced that the reactivation of its membership can greatly contribute towards the long-term interests of the Movement. Henceforth, Myanmar will be taking an active part in the Non-Aligned Movement." (WPD 9/2)

Sept. 5: Speaking at the 10th Non-Aligned Summit in Jakarta, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw said Myanmar had been a founder of the Non-Aligned Movement and had "faithfully implemented its fundamental principles even during the period when we were not able to have active participation in its formal gatherings for a number of years in the past." Today, he said, the Movement "has a new relevance and more crucial role to play, and assist, to effectively bring about a new world order of peace, security and justice" While an end to East-West confrontation has been achieved, "there remain other major and unresolved issues...such as the protection and preservation of our hard-won independence and sovereignty, attainment of disarmament objectives, elimination of racism and racial discrimination, pacific settlement of disputes among states, preservation of the environment through sustainable development, the promotion of human rights free of extraneous and ulterior motives, and the pursuit of equitable economic relations."

He noted widespread concern "as to the unwelcome tendency by a few major states to take advantage of the institution of the United Nations towards adoption of policies and activities against the interest of the vast majority of states that constitute the international community." He endorsed the Summit's promotion of human rights, but noted that human rights must include all areas, "including cultural, economic, social, educational, political, civil and not the least for developing countries such as Myanmar, the right to a decent and honourable livelihood with adequate food, clothing and shelter." Human rights must take account of each countries circumstances, and "cannot and should not be promoted through pressure and confrontation."

He endorsed the Rio environmental summit, noting the "our joint objective to achieve sustainable development giving due regard to environmental concerns." Finally, noting the adverse international economic situation, he said that Myanmar perceived "the necessity to reverse trends towards unilateralism and protectionism." (WPD 9/6)

Sept. 9: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw returned. (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 10: Following his return, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw was interviewed by the Myanma News Agency (Internal). He summarized the Jakarta Message of Sept. 6 issued by the Summit, and discussed Myanma's bilateral talks in Jakarta.

He had had a warm meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister Mr. Ali Alatas. He had met with the Brunei Foreign Minister and agreed on "speedy establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries." He had had a cordial meeting with Philippine Foreign Minister Mr. Roberto Romulo. He and Bangladesh Foreign Minister Mr. Mustafizur Rahman had cordial discussions "on immigration matters between the two countries based on the points of agreement reached between the two countries." He had briefed, and asked for support at the UN from, New Zealand Foreign Minister Mr. Don MacKinnon and Spanish Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Inocencio Arias, who were observers at the Jakarta meeting.

Following an invitation from Thai Foreign Minister Mr. Arsa Sarasin he had stopped over in Thailand from Sept. 6-8, on his way home, and had had discussions during which the Thai side proposed the creation of a Joint Myanmar-Thai Commission co-chaired by the two foreign ministers. (WPD 9/11)

Sept. 23-24: A Letter from Jakarta, by Moe Moe. ["Dear Mee Mee, Cowabunga! I still can't believe that I'm actually here in Jakarta for the NAM Summit!" Journalistic account of NAM meeting.]

Diplomatic Housing

Sept. 14: One of four Ambassadorial residences, and 3 of 12 secretarial residences for diplomats have been completed in Bahann Twp. [Yangon] and are ready to rent. They were built by the Engineering Department (Buildings) of the Yangon City Development Committee starting in Sept. 1991. A second Ambassadorial residence and three for secretaries are under construction. The project area covers 8.9 acres. Each Ambassadorial residence is 78' x 58' with telephones, hot and cold taps, air-conditioners, bathrooms and toilets for every bedroom, and separate garages. Each will have a swimming pool and small garden. Residences for secretaries have similar facilities. "The residences for diplomats will be rented in US dollars." (WPD 9/15)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops

Sept. 3: A 6-day Regional Workshop on Pesticide Residue Trials opened at the Medical Research Centre, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and the FAO (Pacific and Asia Region). A similar workshop, on safe and efficient use of pesticides, was held in Yangon in Feb. 1991. It is being attended by 17 representatives from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, and Myanmar. (WPD 9/4) Sept. 5: Workshop members visited the Myanmar Traditional Folk Art Exhibition. (WPD 9/6)

Sept. 14: A 9-day workshop on agricultural education jointly sponsored by the Ruppin Institute of Israel and the Myanmar Ministry of Agriculture opened with 25 trainees. (WPD 9/15) // Sept. 24: The workshop ended. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 22: A 3-day workshop on Fishery Industries Development, co-sponsored by Myanmar, the UNDP, and FAO, opened with 21 participants and 31 observers. Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung said that in 1991-92, fish production was 769,275 tons, of which Myanma Fisheries Enterprise produced 19,025 tons or 2.5%. (WPD 9/23)

Foreign Donations

Sept. 3: The Australian Embassy donated geology books to the Geology and Applied Geology Departments of Yangon University, and a Canon copy machine to the National Library. (WPD 9/4)

Sept. 4: Batavia Singapore Co. donated an X-ray apparatus to the Muslim Freen Dispensary. (WPD 9/5)

Sept. 8: The American Embassy donated 12,858 books and 270 journals to the Universities' Central Library. (WPD 9/9)

Sept. 9: General Manager Mr. Alun Davies of Clyde Explorations Myanmar Ltd. donated K 650,000 for reconstruction of a primary school in Hinthada Twp. (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 11: The Chinese Embassy presented a Ch'ing dynasty statuette of a warrior and two books on bronze casting to the Folk Arts Exhibition. (WPD 9/12)

Sept. 16: UNICEF has donated 531 sheets of corrugated iron roofing and other materials for a tornado-hit primary school in Ngakhonsu village in Hinthada. (WPD 9/17)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

Sept. 1: Members of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, headed by Mr. Russell G. Rollason, met with Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein to discuss aid for social, health, and educational affairs. (WPD 9/2)

Sept. 2: UNESCO Adviser Mrs. Lourdes David called on Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein to discuss high school, college, and university libraries. (WPD 9/3)

Sept. 4: UNICEF consultant Mrs. Evelyn Villegas, and Nutrition and Health Division in-charge Mr. Eric Laroche, called on Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 9/5)

Sept. 8: WHO Consultant Dr. Colin Gerard Woods, Honorary Consulting Pathologist of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford, currently in Myanmar, called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin to discuss training of Myanmar orthopaedic surgeons in Britain. (WPD 9/9).

Sept. 11: UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and Pakistan Mr. Daniel J. Brooks, called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel, accompanied by Yangon UNICEF head Mr. T. Finnshaw. (WPD 9/12)

Sept. 15: Mr. C.E. Naucner and Mr. T.R. Onta, representatives of the the Asian Region of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies called on Myanmar Red Cross President Dr. Hla Nwe. (WPD 9/16)

Sept. 21: FAO consultant Mr. G.P.J. Cortez and specialist Ms. Dawn Jamandre, accompanied by FAO Permanent Representative Mr. Oscar J.S. Lazo, called on Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (WPD 9/22)

Sept. 22: Country Director for Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Kampuchea and Hong Kong Ms. Sabiha Syed of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 9/23) // Sept. 23: They called on Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein to discuss "matters relating to birth spacing project being undertaken in Myanmar with the assistance of UNFPA and prevention of AIDS." (WPD 9/24)

Sept. 24: UNICEF Deputy Regional Director Stephen H. Umemoto called on Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 29: Mr. G.P.J. Cortez of the FAO, accompanied by Resident Representative Oscar J.S. Lazo, called on Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (WPD 9/30)

Academic Visitors

Sept. 1: Dr. Elizabeth Moore of the Department of Art and Archaeology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, accompanied by her husband, called on Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 9/2) // Sept. 3: she called on Chairman of the Myanmar History Committee Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein and committee members to discuss the teaching of Archaeology. (WPD 9/4) Sept. 9: She called on SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 9/10)

Chinese Cultural Delegation

Aug. 31: The Chinese Cultural Delegation led by Mr. Wu Chunde arrived Aug. 29 in Mandalay, and visited cultural sites. The following day it returned to Yangon. (WPD 9/1)

Malaysian Journalist

Sept. 3: Visiting Malaysian journalist Mr. M.G.G. Pillai called on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 9/4) // Sept. 4: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador Joh Nenewi Nuek. (WPD 9/5)

Thai Delegations

Sept. 9: A six-member Thai veterinary delegation headed by Senior Veterinary Expert on Biologics Mr. A. B. Kongthon arrived for a one week visit to study livestock breeding and fishery programs and expanding bilateral cooperation. (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 14: An 8-member Thai technical delegation led by Director-General Mr. Narong Minanandana of the Education Department,

Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, with Deputy Director-General Mr. Samrit Chaiwanakupt, arrived to discuss agricultural cooperation. (WPD 9/15) // Sept. 21: The delegation left. (WPD 9/22)

Korean Buddhists

Sept. 15: A 22-member Korean Buddhist delegation led by Ven. Nam Ik Soon and Ven. Jeon Chong Yoon of Chontae Buddhist Gana of South Korea arrived from Bangkok. The sayadaws will remain until Sept. 20 and will visit Yangon, Bagan-Nyaung-U, and Mandalay and study Theravada Buddhism. (WPD 9/16) // Sept. 16: The delegation called on Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt, and paid obeisance to the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. (WPD 9/17) // Sept. 19: The delegation visited Bagan Nyaung-U and Mandalay on Sept. 17-19, before returning to Yangon. (WPD 9/20) // Sept. 20: The delegation returned home. (WPD 9/21)

Maldivé Minister

Sept. 24: A delegation headed by Maldivé Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Hon. Abdul Rasheed Hussain arrived and called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 9/25) // Sept. 27: The Minister left, after signing a contract to purchase 10,000 tons of 10% [brokens] Pyoat-lon-thwe rice. (WPD 9/28)

Chinese Trade Delegation

Sept. 29: A delegation from Hainan Province, including Vice Manager of the Hainan Province Foreign Economic Relations and Trade (Group) Mr. Wen Shi Chan, and Deputy Director of the China Chamber of International Commerce Mr. Liu Han Bing, called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (WPD 9/ 20)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Aug. 31: A 5-member delegation led by Deputy Minister for Co-operatives U Than Aung left for China to study cooperatives. Other members are Director of the Department of Cottage Industries Dr. Tun Aung Phyu, Deputy Director of the Co-operative Department Maj. Tint Lwin Oo, EC Member of the Central Co-operative Society U Win Sein, and Chairman of the Township Co-operative Society in Yangon Division U Tin Yu. (WPD 9/1)

Sept. 2: Institute of Education tutors Daw Khin Than Nwe and U Tun Kyi left for China to attend a post-graduate course on physical and school health education. Institute of Foreign Languages tutor Daw Yin Yin Myint left for China to attend Chinese language studies. Assistant Lecturer U Ye Myint of the Zoology Department of Yangon University (Botahtaung Campus) left for Malaysia for a course on Rabbit Meat Production in the Tropics. Tutor Daw Chit Chit Myint of the Japanese Department of the IFL left for Japan on a two-week study tour at the invitation of the Japan Foundation. (WPD 9/3)

Sept. 5: U Win Htin and U Win Maung, Assistant Managers of the Myanma Agricultural Service, left for Italy to attend a seven-week ancillary course on technology in agriculture. (WPD 9/6)

Sept. 9: U Salai Tin Kyi, Head of Section of No. 3 Factory, Myanma Heavy Industries, left for India Sept. 5 to attend at two-month training course on advanced technology on production of machine parts. (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 12: A delegation led by U Tin Nyein, Director-General of the Posts and Telecommunications Department, left for Thailand to study communications activities. Other members are Posts and Telecommunications senior officers U Khin Maung Myint, Daw Tin Tin Htwe, U Soe, and U Kyaw Win. (WPD 9/13)

Sept. 13: A delegation headed by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance Brig-Gen. Win Tin left for Seoul, Korea, to attend the Workshop on Myanma Economic Development Project sponsored by the Jinro Group. Other members are Director-General U Ba Thwin of International Organizations and Economic Department [Foreign

Ministry], Managing Director U Kyaw Myint of Myanma Metal Industries, Director-General U Ye Myint of the the Forestry Department, Director U Aung Kyi of the Trade Department, and Deputy General Manager Dr. Mya Maung of Myanma Agricultural Service. \\ A 15-member delegation led by Director-General U Aung Koe of the Central Research Organization, Ministry of Education, left for Thailand on an 11-day trip to study education activities. \\ Deputy Supervisors Daw Ahmar Kyi and U Aye Ko of the Myanmar Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Enterprise left for Thailand to study poultry farming for two weeks. \\ Assistant Director Daw May Hsan Mon of the Trade Department left for Malaysia to attend a one-month course on Strategic Marketing Management. (WPD 9/14)

Sept. 14: Tutor Daw Yi Yi Tin of the Institute of Education left for Malaysia to attend a course on Training Methodology with the assistance of the Malaysian Government. \\ Managing Director Col. Kyaw Myint and Deputy General Manager U Aye Thant of Inspection and Agency Services left for Singapore to attend the Regional Commodities Conference jointly sponsored by Myanmar Inspection and Testing Services Ltd. and Inchcape Testing Services Ltd. They will study inspection activities in Singapore and Caleb Brett Co. in Malaysia. (WPD 9/15)

Sept. 19: Rector U Han Tin of the Institute of Education left for Britain to study teacher training by distance education for 15 days; he will be joined by Deputy Minister for Education Col. Kyi Maung, who has attended the 43rd International Education Conference in Geneva. (WPD 9/20)

Sept. 21: Deputy General Manager (Printing) U Tin Gyi of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Manager Daw Khin Lei Win of Myanma Alin Press, Deputy General Manager U Nyunt Aye of Myanma Export and Import Services, and Factory Manager U Nyan Tun of Packing Factory No. 2 left for the Netherlands to study paper industries at the invitation of Stevens Paper & Board B.V. (WPD 9/22)

Sept. 23: Lecturer Daw Khin Sein Sein Aung of the Japanese Language Department, Institute of Foreign Languages, left for Japan to attend a Short-Term Training Programme for Teachers of the Japanese Language. (WPD 9/24)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Aug. 31: A 3-member delegation led by Chief Justice U Aung Toe left for Nigeria to attend the sixth meeting of International Court of Appeal Judges. With him are Supreme Court Director-General U Soe Myint as Secretary, and personal staff officer U Than Naing. (WPD 9/1) // Sept. 16: The delegation returned. (WPD 9/17)

Sept. 11: Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein left for Kathmandu, Nepal, to attend the 10th Ministerial-level Conference of the World Health Organization for South-East Asian Region from Sept. 14-16. He was accompanied by Health Department Director-General Dr. Kyaw Win and personal secretary Maj. Khin Soe. (WPD 9/ 12) // Sept. 19: He returned. (WPD 9/20)

Sept. 13: Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance Brig-Gen. Win Tin, accompanied by Chairman U Maung Maung Han of the Central Bank, Director-General U Thein Aung Lwin of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, and Assistant Director U Than Lwin of the Central Bank will attend the 1992 annual meeting of the World Bank and Organizations Under the International Monetary Fund in Washington. The Deputy Minister, and U Than Lwin, will also attend the meeting of the UNDP Executive Council in New York, accompanied by UN Permanent Representative U Kyaw Min. (WPD 9/14)

Sept. 16: Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel led a delegation to Bangkok to attend a Regional Seminar on ASEAN and Indochina and Myanmar: New Dimensions of Relations and Cooperation, at the invitation of Chulalongkorn University. Other members are Pro-Rector Dr. Than Nyunt of the Institute of Economics (Yangon), Deputy Director-General Daw Khin Ohn Thant of the Planning Department, Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lay of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, and U Aye Ko Ko of the Ministry. Myanmar

Ambassador to Thailand U Nyunt Swe will also attend. (WPD 9/ 17) // Sept. 20: The delegation returned. (WPD 9/21)

Sept. 27: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw left to lead the Myanmar delegation at the 47th United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York. He was accompanied by two Foreign Ministry officials as advisers and by his Personal Assistant. Delegations members who left in advance on Sept. 10 are Director-General U Aye Lwin, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Win, Directors U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Thaung Tun of the Foreign Ministry; and Deputy Director Dr. Tin Shin of the Attorney-General's Office. Other delegation members include UN Permanent Representative Ambassador U Kyaw Min as alternate leader, Ambassador to Germany U Win Aung, Ambassador to the United State U Thaung, and Charge d'Affaires to Canada U Phae Than Oo. (WPD 9/28)

Delegations Return

[Return of Delegations that departed in previous months.]

Sept. 1: The Myanmar technical cooperation delegation headed by Director-General U Ba Thwin of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs returned Aug. 31 from a two-week visit to Thailand, in which it visited Chiangmai and Bangkok and met with technical cooperation and development officials. (WPD 9/2)

Sept. 4: The delegation led by Ministry for Industry-2 U Than Shwe returned from China and Korea. (WPD 1/5)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

Sept. 9: U Arnt Kyaw, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development. (WPD 9/10)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Sept. 16: U Maung Aung as Director-General, Immigration and Manpower Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dr. Tun Maung as Rector, Yangon University, Ministry of Education. (WPD 9/17)

Sept. 23: U Tin Ohn as Director-General, Civil Aviation Department, Ministry of Transport.

U Thaung Shwe as Director-General, Transport and Communications Planning and Operation Department, Ministry of Transport.

U Percy Maung Maung as Managing Director, Myanma Dockyards, Ministry of Transport.

U Khin Soe as Managing Director, Myanma Airways, Ministry of Transport. (WPD 9/ 24)

GOVERNMENT

University Council Membership

Sept. 14: SLORC Order No. 11/92 of Sept. 14 provides:

"The State Law and Order Restoration Council has included the Rector of the University of Distance Education as a member of the University Council of the University for Development of National Races which was formed under Order No 2/91 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council issued on 11 May 1991." (WPD 9/15)

Salt Enterprise Law

Sept. 18: SLORC Law No. 6/92, the Salt Enterprise Law, provides for licensing of persons "desirous of producing salt or chemical salts/by products on a commercial scale" [full text published]. Its purposes are to "produce only solar salt in order to prevent deforestation," increase salt production, support private salt and

by-product production, encourage exports, and education and research in efficient salt production. Licensees may produce, sell, and export salt and chemical salts/by products freely, use foreign exchange from exports to buy chemicals, materials, and apparatus, and apply for long-term and expansion approval. The Managing Director of the Myanma Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, under the Ministry of Mines, will enforce the law and provide inspectors. Use of "woodfire or charcoal" to produce salt is prohibited. (WPD 9/19, correction 9/ 23)

Two New Ministries Created

Sept. 24: SLORC Notification No. 54/92 of Sept. 24, Creation of Ministries, reads [text]:

In order to implement more effectively and successfully measures for the development of border areas and national races and economic development of the State, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby creates the Ministries as follows:ÄÄ

- (1) Ministry of Development of Border Areas and National Races;
- (2) Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

(WPD 9/25)

Two Deputy Prime Ministers Named

Sept. 24: SLORC Declaration No. 12/92 of Sept. 24, Appointment of Deputy Prime Ministers, reads [text]:

The State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby appoints the following persons as Deputy Prime Ministers in the Government:ÄÄ

- (1) Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin
- (2) Lieutenant-General Tin Tun.

(WPD 9/25)

Eight New Ministers Named

Sept. 24: SLORC Declaration No. 13/92 of Sept. 24, Appointment of Ministers of the Government, reads [text]:

In order to implement more effectively and successfully measures for the Development of Border Areas and National Races, Economic Development and Development of Transportation of the State, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby appoints the following persons as Ministers in the respective Ministries shown against their names:

- (1) Rear-Admiral Than Nyunt ÄÄ Ministry of Health
- (2) Major-General Thein Win ÄÄ Ministry of Transportation
- (3) Major-General Tun Kyi ÄÄ Ministry of Trade
- (4) Major-General Kyaw Ba ÄÄ Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
- (5) Major-General Maung Thint ÄÄ Ministry of Development of Border Areas and National Races
- (6) Major-General Aye Thoung ÄÄ Ministry of Labour
- (7) Major-General Kyaw Min ÄÄ Ministry of Mines
- (8) Brigadier-General Lun Maung ÄÄ Office of the Prime

Minister.

(WPD 9/25)

Deputy Foreign Minister Named

Sept. 24: SLORC Notification No. 55/92 of Sept. 24, Appointment of Deputy Minister, reads [text]:

The State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby appoints U Nyunt Swe as Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(WPD 9/25)

MILITARY

Insurgents Surrender

Sept. 10: Between Aug. 1-8, 17 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 9/11)

Sept. 11: [Between Aug. 9-19], 16 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details, but no dates]. (WPD 9/12)

Sept. 11: Nine members, including Commanding Officer Kyaw Ya from the ABSDF 202 Battalion "returned to legal fold at Tachilek

reception camp on 29 August" [names and details]. [photo] (WPD 9/12)
Sept. 12: Between Aug. 20-31, 16 terrorists surrendered, with their weapons [names and details]. A total of 50 [sic] surrendered from Aug. 1-31. (WPD 9/13)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Sept. 1-2: The Regions of our Brethren: Where the State Law and Order Restoration Council's Goodwill Blossoms forth, by Ngwe Kalaung. [Cont. Survey of projects in border areas.]

Sept. 4-6,8-13,15-16: Accomplishments in construction works by the State Law and Order Restoration Council during the four-year period, by Mya Kalaung. [Cont. (with new title). Record of recent projects, by State/Division.]

Sept. 16: Editorial: Why only teak? ["Myanma timber is much in demand in world markets. Teak particularly is practically a seller's market. If this is the case, it surely is not wise to use it locally. After all, our country has many other kinds we can use as substitute. Then more teak and other popular hardwoods can be exported. We must remove the concept that only teak can be used for building houses or making furniture...."]

Sept. 17-30: Sagaing Division which has achieved progress and development during the four-year period of The State Law and Order Restoration Council, by Mya Kalaung. [Economic projects in the Division.]

Sept. 20: Let me tell you..., by Thukhi Aung. [Foreigners call Myanmar poor, yet Myanmar rural people eat meat, shrimp, and fish that "only very affluent people in capitalist countries could afford."]

Sept. 26: Achievements of the State Law and Order Restoration Council: Opportunities at Hand. [Expansion of gems mining.]

Border Area Development

Sept. 2: Chairman of the Work Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt met with Kachin leader U Mahtu Naw of the Northern Shan State Special Region (5), and members U Jein Phaw Naw, U Naw Let, and U Khaung Daung. (WPD 9/3)

Banking

Sept. 3: The Central Bank of Myanmar issued a license to The Thai Military Bank Ltd. of Bangkok to open a representative office in Yangon. (WPD 9/4)

Construction & Other Projects

Sept. 8: A 16-bed hospital, costing K2 million, was delivered Sept. 2 in Nyaungyo region, Ingapu Twp. [Ayeyarwady].

Sept. 11: A telephone exchange was installed Aug. 30 at Satthwa village, Taungdwingyi Twp. [Magwe]. (WPD 9/12)

Sept. 14: A new Primary School was delivered Sept. 2 in Konner village, Hsihseng Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 9/15)

Sept. 15: Bridge No. 3/402 over Zawgyi Creek in Khaukse Twp. [Mandalay] was inaugurated Sept. 12. It is 210 feet long and 24 feet wide, and cost K. 17.6 million. (WPD 9/16)

Sept. 18: Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise opened Filling Station No. 0271 in Dagon Myothit (South) [Yangon]. (WPD 9/ 19)

Sept. 20: The final section of the Chinese-built Yangon-Thanlyin bridge was put into place, three months ahead of schedule. SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin presented gifts to Chinese technicians Mr. Li Zhong Sheng and Mr. Li Jia Xing. (WPD 9/21)

Basic Supplies and Prices

Sept. 5: Speaking to officials of the Central and Yangon Committees for Ensuring Smooth and Regular Flow of Commodities and

for Ensuring Stability in Commodity Prices, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo "mentioned that the basic commodities such as rice, cooking oil and salt as well as fish and meat are now entering Yangon City more than before and so this coordination meeting was convened to be able to make arrangements so that the consumers can buy the commodities easily at reasonable prices." He spoke of "the need not to press the sellers by collecting heavy taxes except the tax stipulated." (WPD 9/6)

Agriculture

Sept. 7: Speaking in Danubyu, Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung said that "integrated farming" was known to be successful in low-lying areas and that it had been achieved in 80% of low-lying areas in Ayeyarwady Division, making use of deep water "kwins". It should be expanded "in the remaining 'kwins' under water numbering more than 640,000 acres." According to local officials, "each acre will be able to yield 120 baskets through double cropping with potentials of producing 1,000 viss of fish. They also said that between K 2,000 and K 10,000 would be earned every year from vegetable patches and livestock breeding. They also said that a fish breeding pond stretching 5.76 acres could earn about K 60,000 equivalent to the sum invested for the business." (WPD 9/8)

Sept. 13: The Ministry of Agriculture issued Reminder No. 3/92: "As there was enough rain in the middle of the rainy season, cultivation of paddy was successful and paddy plants grow well, and so farmers must attend to the paddy plants for successful yield. Farmers have to take measures such as weeding, stirring, irrigation, fertilizing, and so on for successful yield. The most important thing is irrigation. Water must be stored as much as possible in the late monsoon not only for successful yield in this season but also for double cropping and winter crops. Systematically using stored water and insecticides also play an important role. The farmers are also to keep watch solidification [sic] of the embankments to ensure the storage of water. All the farmers have to strive hard for more production of paddy keeping in mind that it is a national task." (WPD 9/14)

Sept. 29: The Agricultural Mechanization Department "is extending its tractor services in four different methods":

First: service by using its own fuel oil or that purchased from other Department;

Second: that by using fuel oil of the farmer;

Third: that in which the tractor and the driver are loaned on monthly basis or for a specific period;

Fourth: that extended to a farmer or a private organization or a co-operative society or a department under contract farming. In this case, the department will provide the tractor, driver, and farming implements, while those who choose this method will have to provide the capital and fuel oil, to be paid for in crops, dollars, and kyat currency.

"Arrangements are under way for the sale of one or more tractors or the entire tractor station. Interested persons may contact the Agricultural Mechanization Department on Pyay Road here for more details." (WPD 9/30)

Imports & Exports

Sept. 4: A cargo of cement, imported from East Bourne Chemical Industries of Singapore, arrived on the MV Myeik; the Indonesian cement will be used for Yangon City Development Committee construction projects. (WPD 9/5)

Sept. 9: During August, the following items fetched higher prices:

Crops: Mung bean/Pedesein, brown bean, yellow maize in-bag, coriander seeds, dired red chillies with petiole, chillie powder, black cumin seed and mustard;

Industrial raw materials: rubber, rubber scraps, and rubber cup lump;

Marine products: shark fins.

The following are new export items:

Marine products: Ngakyikan;

Foodstuff: natural bee honey, bee keeping waste, royal jelly, bee powder, assorted preserved foods, and pomelo fruit;

General merchandise: plastic harp (8 inches), giant condom for jokes, and wooden beads mat (6 in. x 3 in.). (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 22: Ministry of Trade Order No. 11/92 of Sept. 17 authorizes the export of new or reconditioned cars across the border to neighbouring countries. Details will be published in the Sept. 22 issue of TIS NEWS. (WPD 9/23)

Phones & Motor Oil (for Dollars)

Sept. 9: "The Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is to install telephones in downtown Yangon in which subscribers need to make single payment in foreign exchange under a special arrangement. Application forms will be sold at the Post Offices beginning 16 September. The applications will be accepted at the Central Post Office starting from 21 September. The closing date will be 31 October. Enquiries may be made in person at the Auto Exchange Centre on No 103, 40th Street, or through telephone number 82766." (WPD 9/10) // Sept. 15: "Application forms for installation of telephones for which applicants are to pay in foreign exchange only once will be sold at the respective post offices during office hours beginning tomorrow." (WPD 9/16) // Sept. 19: Applications may be filed from Sept. 21-Oct. 31. (WPD 9/20)

Sept. 15: "The Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise, which is marketing lubricating oil, grease and brake fluid from six foreign companies, will be marketing the said items from Shell and Cosmic Companies on consignment basis and will sell them to legitimate foreign currency holders with US dollars. The revenues and other costs are payable in Myanma kyats. Enquiries can be made at the Lubricants Section of the Head Office of the Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise at No 74/80, Minyekhawswa Road." (WPD 9/16)

Economic Crimes

Sept. 16: The Ministry of Trade issued Press Release No. 9/92, putting on the blacklist Htoo Myanmar Ltd. of Kyauktada Twp., and revoking its export-import licenses, for "committing economic malpractices by taking advantage of the market economy being practised by the Union of Myanmar." (WPD 9/17)

Gems Emporium

Sept. 25: Patron of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin inspected a preview of the Myanma Mid-term Gems Emporium which will open Oct. 1 at the Inya Lake Hotel. (WPD 9/26) // Sept. 29: SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe and Madame Than Shwe viewed the exhibits. (WPD 9/30)

Private Enterprise Opportunities

Sept. 28: "Private owners wishing to engage in integrated farm work in Ayeyarwady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States should contact the Ministry of Agriculture, Myanma Agriculture Service and Settlements and Land Records Department. The State is ready to provide enough plots of virgin and fallow land in the low-lying areas as well as techniques and other provisions for integrated farm work." (WPD 9/29)

Sept. 29: "Private entrepreneurs, who wish to carry out joint ventures with the mills and factories under the Ministry of Industry-1 or other mills and factories not mentioned in the list, or wish to hire them may make enquiries from the Director-General of the Industrial Planning Department or the Managing-Director of respective Enterprises in person or by telephone. This arrangement is being made with a view to enable more participation of the private sector in economic undertakings. The industries and mills and factories under the Ministry of Industry-1 are some of the branch factories and

textile factories, hosiery mills, blanket factories and textile and cotton mills under the Myanmar Textile Industries; some of the mills and factories under the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries; the coconut industry; the Cocogyunn Plantation, the Mokekyun Plantation, Sittway Plantation and Seikma Coconut Plantation under the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries; the Enamel-ware Factories No 1 and No 1 of the Myanmar Metal Industries; some of the mills and factories under the Myanmar General Industries, Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries and the Myanmar Jute Industries. If there are more than one person who wish to make proposals for the same factory or mill then it will be given away through competitive bidding, it is reported." (WPD 9/30)

Oil and Gas Contracts Signed

Sept. 29: A production sharing contract for the exploration and production of oil and natural gas in Onshore Block "L" was signed between Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and Kailis Resources PTY Ltd of Australia, represented by Chairman Mr. M.G. Kailis.

A similar contract was signed for Offshore Block "M-12" with Premier Petroleum Myanmar Limited, represented by Geological Manager Mr. John Begg. Managing Director Mr. Hideo So of Nippon Oil Company, and Vice-President of Texaco Exploration Myanmar Company Mr. Noel Hazanow delivered speeches. (WPD 9/30)

Rainfall in Yangon

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

	YA	KA	CY
1987	97.01	100.98	95.43
1988	99.17	100.00	107.76
1989	96.22	100.59	102.76
1990	118.35	109.92	122.84
1991	91.81	83.78	96.65
1992, as of:			
September 1	61.22	73.50	74.06
September 15	66.22	77.80	82.09
September 30	70.87	82.76	86.34

4.80 inches of rain in 24 hours, in Mandalay on Aug. 31-Sept. 1., "is the heaviest rainfall record of September during the past 42 years." (WPD 9/2)

HEALTH

AIDS

Sept. 15: The Myanmar Dental Association and the Institute of Dental Medicine will hold a one-day refresher course Sept. 20 on AIDS, oral ulceration and the role of the dental surgeon in prevention and control of oral cancer. (WPD 9/16)

Health Articles

Sept. 7: Psycho-social problems of drug dependent youths, by Nang Moe Khan. [Why young people take to drugs.]

Sept. 14: Causes of relapse among drug-dependent youths, by Nang Moe Khan. [Importance of follow-up.]

Para-Medical Science Institute Opens

Sept. 2: The Institute of Para-Medical Science of the Department of Health Manpower was inaugurated at Thaton Road on the Yangon University Campus. Minister for Health and for Education Col. Pe Thein reviewed the background of the new Institute. An institute was opened in 1964, and began to confer a Diploma in 1966. It received degree issuing power in 1968, and in 1989 was transferred from the Department of Health to the Department of Health Manpower. This made necessary its reconstitution in order "to raise the standard of courses to that of the international level." Present were officials and 40 trainees. (WPD 9/3)

Lecture

Sept. 15: A lecture on "Regulation of Bone Turn-over" will be delivered Sept. 20 by Dr. C.G. Wood, short-term consultant Pathologist (Ministry of Health), of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford, England. (WPD 9/16)

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Sept. 18: Vigour of national consolidation symbolized, by Maung Yin Swe. [May 1992 National Sports Festival recalled.]

Sept. 22: In Honour of the Fourth Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council: Myanma Traditional Regatta Festival, by Ye Myint. [Fourth festival, in December, will "help preserve the cultural traditions that reveal the true identity of Myanmar."]

Myanmar Teams & Delegations

Sept. 7: Commodore Sein Lwin (Navy), President of the Myanmar Bodybuilding Federation, returned Sept. 6 from the Asian Bodybuilding Federation Congress in Jakarta. (WPD 9/8)

Sept. 18: Disabled athlete Sergeant Kyaw Khaing took sixth-place in the 200-meter above-knee amputatee running contest at the 9th Sports Tournament of Disabled Athletes in Barcelona, Spain. He returned to Yangon Sept. 18. (WPD 9/19)

Hole-in-One

Sept. 29: U Than Aye scored an ace Sept. 26 on the 12th hole of the Myanmar Golf Club, using a No. Six iron and a top-flite No. 1 ball. (WPD 9/30)

CULTURAL

Literary and Cultural Articles

Sept. 2: 'Sar-chauk-yok' and companions welcome you, by Po Tha Aung. [Scarecrows, traditional dolls, and childrens' toys described.]

Sept. 3: For better understanding of things Myanmar, by Aye Tha. ['Tha-na-kha', palm leaf horoscopes, lacquerware, traditional instruments, and other folk artifacts described.]

Sept. 6,13,20,27: Poems (in English and Burmese). [(1) "Love's downstream and upstream" by Htilar Sitthu. (2) "Ugly hands" by Maung San Thaw. (3) "Knowledge" by Ah Nwe (Shwebo). (4) "The moon and she" by Min Yu Wai.]

Sept. 6,13,20,27: Impressions by Min Kyaw Min. [Cont. (1) "Common cultural identity" expressed in folk art. (2) "Like the colours of the rainbow." Traditional art threatened by TV and video. "When cheap local productions and pirated foreign stuff encroach too much on the domain of the theatre and the cinema, then, necessary action is warranted to ensure that such encroachment is not detrimental to the interest of the stage and screen or those whose livelihood is involved.... With the help of the authorities, encouragement should be lent to the revival of the 'zat' theatrical troupes, and, perhaps, the resuscitation of the marionette theatre. For we can ill afford the wane of the former, or the decline and gradual demise of the former. Of course, this is no longer the time when audiences can sit through all-night performances. They must be trimmed to suit prevailing conditions, and yet not in such a way that audiences are deprived of the spice that's in them."

[(3) "A hard look at the facts." The comic "anyaint" is light fare compared to the more complex traditional 'zat' theatre and 'yoke-thay' marionette productions, which require large numbers of people and are rapidly dying out, to be replaced by "their latter-day cousins, the 'pya-zat' or play and the hand-puppets which are not original Myanmar presentation." The reasons are: people have much less time to attend performances; they are poorer because of inflation (from which Myanmar once believed itself exempt), and

younger audiences are not familiar with the 'jatakas' on which most 'zat' plays were based. (4) "National resilience." Like the Pyit-taing-htaung, "the Standup Guy who bounces back every time you give a shove or a nudge", Myanmar has always bounced back from challenges.]

Sept. 6: Shwegaing Tharr's bridge linking literature with culture, by Maung Hsu Shin. [1951 Sarpe Beikman prize winner for Sinyin Htonhpwehmu (Adornment Style).]

Sept. 6: Ten Myanmar Traditional Arts, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Black smith, silver and gold smith, copper {bronze and brass} smith, cement or stucco sculpture, masonry, wood and ivory carving, stone sculpture, turner, painting and drawing, and lacquer ware; all summarized in the monk Mon Ywe's rhyme "Pe, Tein, Tin, Tau, Yan, Pu, Mau, Put, Chi, Yun."]

Sept. 6: Dancing sans music, by Chit U Nyo. [Instruction at the State School of Music and Dancing in Mandalay, founded in 1852-53.]

Sept. 13: 'Journagyaw' Ma Ma Lay's self portraiture, by Maung Hsu Shin. [1955 novel prizewinner, for Mon Ywai Mahu (No hatred).]

Sept. 13: Legends of Pan Be, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [A legend of Tagaung.]

Sept. 13: Motion Picture Director Maung Wunna's achievement, by Myint Thein Pe. [History and current plans.]

Sept. 20: Myanma harp, by Researcher Ramanya Ko Ko Naing. [History and description of Myanma traditional harp.]

Sept. 20: Duwun's pastoral scenery, by Maung Hsu Shin. [Life of writer U Than Tint (Saya Duwun), whose novel Gwan Bon won the 1957 best novel prize.]

Sept. 20,27: Research on Myanma Pan Be and iron industry, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [History of traditional blacksmithing and iron smelting.]

Sept. 27: U Baw Thaw's police view, police life and police duty, by Maung Hsu Shin. [Policeman awarded 1956 best novel prize for his Kodway Sonhtaukhmu Wuttu ("A True Detective Story").]

Sept. 27: Moe Moe Myint Aung, twice winner of gold statuettes: her artistic journey, by Myint Thein Pe (Meiktila). [Biograph of a movie star.]

Myanma Folk Art Exhibition

Aug. 31: SLORC Chairman General and Madame Than Shwe visited the Exhibition, which will open Sept. 1, at Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Street. They "viewed objects and artifacts from the Myanmar Naing-Ngan's pre-historic era, those of the Pyu era, those [with] religious connotations and beliefs, those of means of transport, those of professional use, those used in trading [,] and utensils as well as traditional weaving devices of Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Kayah and Myanmar national races." [photos] (WPD 9/1)

Sept. 1: The Exhibition opened, with 1,300 exhibits in ten sections. The Chairman of the Exhibition, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, noted that human history in Myanmar goes back to 9,000 BC and the Padalin Cave. Visitors at the opening included foreign Ambassadors and Military Attaches, SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo, and other notables. \\ The Exhibition is open from 11 am to 7 pm, and admission is K 3 for adults and K 1 for children. Souvenirs being sold include pamphlets (K 4 and K 20), a keychain (K 20 or US\$1), an exhibition guide (K 20 or US\$2), an exhibition badge (K 10 or US\$.50), and a documentary video (US\$20). [photos] (WPD 9/1)

Sept. 10: A videotape is available of the Exhibition. With commentary in Myanmar it costs K 700; in English it costs US\$20.00. (WPD 9/11)

[News items through the month gave the daily attendance at the Exhibit.]

Relics Found

Sept. 21: People in Htantatbin Ward, Bago, digging in house compound No. 2076, Fifth Street, on Aug. 23 came upon an ancient brick wall and then found a Konbaung Era gold ring with nine kinds of

precious stones, 41 small rubies, 7 gold rings used as hair-pins, 3 jewel-studded gold rings used as hair-pins, and a gold coin, with a total weight of 3.75 tikals. The Archaeology Department has taken over the digging [photos]. (WPD 9/ 22)

More Books Needed

Sept. 22: Speaking at Sarpay Beikman, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Nyunt said "many books on knowledge and belles-lettres must be published to improve the level and standard of Myanmar literature...the number of books being published in Myanmar today is still very low compared to its population of 40 million...books which are worthy in promoting the standard of the nation, the people as well as the culture should be systematically selected for awarding prizes." (WPD 9/23)

1992 Finals Set

Sept. 22: The final examinations for the 1991-92 academic year at Yangon University (Main, Botahtaung, and Kyimyindine Campuses), affiliated degree colleges and colleges, M.Sc. and M.A. classes and qualified law classes, will be held beginning Nov. 2. Regular lectures for these classes will end Oct. 26 to permit time for study. (WPD 9/ 23)

Educational Radio and TV

Sept. 22: Myanmar TV will telecast 21 lessons, and Radio Myanmar will broadcast 353 lessons, for the students of the University of Distance Education for academic year 1991-92. TV lessons are for first-year arts and law students, and radio lessons are for first-year to final-year arts and law students. TV lessons will be telecast 3 times a week on Fridays, Mondays, and Wednesdays from 18.45 hours to 19.00 hours beginning Oct. 2. Radio lessons will be broadcast daily from 20.00 hours to 22.00 hours, beginning Oct. 1, after the Nationalities Programme. Details will be published in the newspapers. (WPD 9/23)

Pyay College Promoted

Sept. 26: Pyay [Promé] College is to become a Degree College next year, said SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt while touring the area. He called on those concerned to make arrangements for opening third-year classes at Pyay College in the coming academic year. (WPD 9/27)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Sept. 1: Officials visited villages along the Yangon River and called on villagers to help protect navigational equipment and beacons from being stolen. "Police Col Thein Lin, speaking in meeting with the personnel concerned, pointed out that navigational equipment and marker beacons which were kept for ocean-going vessels to enter Yangon Port safely were stolen by some unscrupulous persons and they were exposed and arrested. He said similarly, there were cases in which there was pilfering of rice and beans and pulses from foreign vessels while loading work was carried out and exchanging articles from some foreign vessels berthed at the mouth of the river, stealing things from the vessels and pilfering of fuel oil from State owned vessels." (WPD 9/2)

Sept. 10: The Yangon police on Aug. 16 arrested a "notorious" pickpocket, who had stolen jewellery and cash worth K97,000 from a bus passenger coming from the Insein Railway Station on July 20. An accomplice was arrested Aug. 28 and some of the stolen property recovered. (WPD 9/11)

Sept. 16: Three persons who stole auto-parts worth K84,000 from five cars in Yangon were arrested Sept. 3. (WPD 9/17)

Sept. 28: Two young bicycle thieves were arrested Aug. 31 and Sept. 2 in Dagon Myothit (North) [Yangon]. (WPD 9/29)

Court News

[In the last month or so, the Working People's Daily has begun running frequent accounts of court appeals decisions, frequently reversing acquittals or increasing punishment. We will list them separately under this heading, separate from regular Crime or Anti-Narcotics news.--HCMacD.]

Aug. 31: The Supreme Court on Aug. 28 overturned the Pabedan Township Court's acquittal, and sentenced a man to K 20,000 fine or 6 months imprisonment for on June 15, 1990, illegally copying unlicensed videotapes of the World Cup Soccer match between the USA and Italy. The Video Censorship Board did not give permission for reproducing and distributing the video tape until June 29, 1990. [Note: Burma does not recognize international copyright; the offense here is of distributing a videotape prior to its approval by the Censorship Board.--HCMacD.]

Sept. 7: The Yangon Division Court on Aug. 25 sentenced a woman to 10 years imprisonment and K 50,000 fine for possession of 2 viss of marijuana. (WPD 9/8)

Sept. 14: The Yangon Division Court on Sept. 9 sentenced two women to 10 years' imprisonment and K50,000 fine for possession of heroin weighing 192.7 grams seized from one of them. (WPD 9/15)

Sept. 16: The Alon Twp. [Yangon] Court on Aug. 28 sentenced a doctor to two years imprisonment with hard labour for producing drugs containing narcotics. He was found guilty of "producing drugs similar to narcotic drugs." (WPD 9/17)

Sept. 18: The North-West Command Tribunal on May 21 sentenced three persons to from 14-20 years imprisonment each. They were arrested Aug. 14, 1991, by the Monywa anti-drug squad for smuggling phensedyl. One of them, who sold drugs in Yangon, was arrested Nov. 11, 1991, and sentenced by the Insein Court on Aug. 28 to 10 years, along with some other accomplices. 1,038 bottles of phensedyl and three vehicles were seized. (WPD 9/22)

Sept. 18: The Yangon Division Court on Sept. 18 sentenced a man to six years imprisonment for smuggling heroin. (WPD 9/ 23)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Sept. 2: DSI and police on Aug. 23 seized 1.45 kilos of heroin in Mandalay from passengers boarding the Mandalay-Myitkyina train. (WPD 9/3)

Sept. 5: Kokang national leaders on Sept. 1 handed over to authorities drugs and paraphernalia seized from a heroin refinery in No. 1 special region, northern Shan State. The seizures included 18.6 kilos of heroin, 20.5 kilos of heroin No. 3 (yellow), 17 kilos of brown opium, 18.2 kilos of opium residue, 100 gallons of ether, 31 gallons of spirit, 8 gallons of chloroform, 12 gallons of acetic anhydride, 4 gallons of hydrochloric acid, and 21 kinds of refinery equipment. (WPD 9/6)

Sept. 15: 33 bottles of phensedyl were seized in Swedaw Ward, Mawlaik [Sagaing] on Sept. 1. \ \ Lashio police on Sept. 4 seized 4.6 kilos of heroin in Kyukok (Pansai). (WPD 9/16)

Sept. 17: DDI and police on Sept. 12 seized 1.6 kilos of heroin in Tachilek [Shan]. \ \ On Sept. 2 police and customs officials seized 1.6 kilos of raw opium on the Taunggyi-Kengtung Road [Shan]. On Sept. 3 the Kengtung anti-drug squad seized 1.4 kilos of raw opium in Kengtung. The Myeik [Mergui] anti-drug squad [no date given] seized 0.5 kilos of marijuana and 1.2 kilos of opium powder in Myeik [Tanintharyi]. DDI and Sittway [Rakhine] police on Sept. 6 arrested an attendant at Sittway Hospital who "used to inject youths with Pethadine and morphine," and seized empty bottles and paraphernalia. The Myitkyina and Katha anti-drug squads on Sept. 8 seized 2.5 kilos of raw opium between Hoping and Indawgyi villages. Railway police [no date given] seized 2.8 kilos of raw opium on the Lashio-Mandalay train. The Mandalay anti-drug squad on Sept. 11 seized 3.2 kilos of opium oil, 1.7 kilos of raw opium, and 0.2 kilo of opium residue in Mandalay. The Homalin [Sagaing] anti-drug squad seized 538 bottles of

Phensedyl on a boat at Homalin jetty; the boat was confiscated. (WPD 9/18)

Sept. 24: A security unit on Aug. 16 seized 9.4 kilos of raw opium near Hokyai village, Kunhing Twp. [Shan]. Police on Sept. 8 seized 7 kilos of heroin in Tarlay village, Tachilek Twp. [Shan]. The Myeik anti-drug squad on Sept. 13 seized 1.2 litres of phensedyl in Myeik. The Lashio anti-drug squad on Sept. 14 seized 1.7 kilos of heroin from a bus. The Mandalay anti-drug squad on Sept. 16 seized 1.3 kilos of heroin in Mandalay. The Pakokku police on Sept. 16 seized 50 bottles of phensedyl from a bus. Railway police on Sept. 18 seized 5.6 kilos of raw opium on the Mandalay-Kawlin train. The Yangon anti-drug squad on Sept. 19 seized 42 grammes of heroin and K 63,000. The Kalay police on Sept. 20 seized 695 bottles of phensedyl near Kalay. Security personnel on Sept. 20 seized 4.9 kilos of raw opium at Pyinmanaa railway station. The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on Sept. 22 seized 17.5 kilos of raw opium in Mandalay. (WPD 9/25)

Sept. 26: DDI on Sept. 21 seized 265 bottles of phensedyl in Sataung village, Kalay. (WPD 9/27)

Sept. 28: Two policemen were honoured in Homalin on Aug. 11 for seizing 4.4 kilos of heroin on June 24. DSI and the Muse anti-drug squad on Sept. 19 seized 1.1 kilos of heroin in Muse. (WPD 9/29)

Sept. 29: DSI seized 8 litres of phensedyl in Pangalay village, Launglon Twp. [Tanintharyi], and on Sept. 22 arrested a drug dealer in Dawai [Tavoy]. (WPD 9/30)

Sept. 29: During August, the Tatmadaw and police seized 198 kilos of opium (in 77 cases), 0.3 kilo of opium oil (5 cases), 3.0 kilos of opium powder (2 cases), 38.0 kilos of heroin (178 cases), 2.1 kilos of marijuana (21 cases), 475.2 litres of phensedyl, (24 cases), 812 gallons of assorted acids (1 case), and dealt with 229 cases of failure to register and receive medical treatment and 11 other drug-related cases. Legal action was taken against 518 persons in 548 cases. (WPD 9/30)

Obituaries

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

July 3: U Aung Khin Oo (Cartoonist Ah Naung), husband of Daw Myat Htin, died in Yangon, aged 55 [full length biography]. (WPD 9/13)

Sept. 6: Daw Tin Oo (Mrs. Kitty Maung Maung), widow of Oh Teak and Hardwood Co. Director U Maung Maung, died in Yangon, aged 77. [Christian] (WPD 9/7)

Sept. 9: Daw Khin Tint, wife of U Shwe Mra, died in Yangon, aged 77. (WPD 9/10)

Sept. 16: Daw Tin Tin Myaing (a) Joyce, widow of U Aung Kyaw, died in Yangon, aged 75. [Baptist] (WPD 9/17)

Sept. 18: Lucy Philomena Richardsan, widow of Joseph Richardsan, died in Yangon, aged 66. [Christian] (WPD 9/19)

Sept. 18: U Ko Ko (writer Ko Ko) (1922-1992), retired Additional Director, Motion Picture Enterprise, husband of Daw Khin Nyunt, died in Yangon. He served in the pre-war independence student movement and in the liberation struggle, and then became a writer and film writer. [obituary article] (WPD 9/20)

Sept. 24: Mr. Mun Woong, Joo, Myanmar Concord Development Organization (MCDO), husband of Mrs. Myeong Mi Joo, died suddenly in Yangon, aged 34. (WPD 9/26)

Sept. 29: Mr. H. de la Taste, (ret'd Superintendent of Excise), husband of Daw Si Si, died in Yangon, aged 86. [Christian] (WPD 9/30)

Working People's Daily's New Address

Sept. 6: Effective Sept. 7, the address of The Working People's Daily will be 22/30 Strand Road, telephone 89190 (temporary). (WPD 9/6)

Traffic Rules

Sept. 7: Action will be taken against bus passengers in Yangon

who get on or off buses when they are stopped at traffic lights. (WPD 9/8)

35 Gays Arrested

Sept. 22: [full text]

"35 men caught having sex at public toilets and guest houses

"After receiving information that some persons of the same sex were having sex at underground toilets and guest houses in Yangon City Development Committee area, authorities concerned arrested 35 such persons between 10 and 13 September. The men who are in the age limit of 20 and 56 were arrested with photography supporting their unnatural act. It was revealed, after investigations, that most of them are homosexuals who lured men into fulfilling their desires with the promise of money or free of charge. Effective action will be taken against the 35 men." (WPD 9/23)

Sept. 26: Editorial: Avoid temptations. ["More, one of the news carried by papers on 23 September give an alarming report about arresting altogether 35 gays. They were actually unearthed at underground water-closets and at some guest houses. In reality they are or may be repositories of HIV. They developed it without testing positive for the virus. The satisfaction gained by means of homo-sex may be free of charge or of little charity which can be counted by minutes of single digits or a little bit more. However, retaliation of this is frightening. Causes of HIV infection are mostly of drug addiction, homo-sex, prosecution, promiscuiton and receiving HIV positive blood [sic]."]

Building Collapses

Sept. 24: A three-storey building in Bahann Twp. [Yangon], nearly completed, collapsed. 12 of 14 workmen rescued were taken, badly injured, to hospital; at least 4 workers are still missing. [photo] (WPD 9/25) // Sept. 17: The body of Maung Tun Tun Win was pulled from the wreckage after a long search. Five persons died in the collapse, and 13 were hospitalized, with two of them seriously wounded. The contractors have been arrested. (WPD 9/28)

Corrupt Yangon Officials Fired

Sept. 24: Four members of the Yangon City Development Committee were dismissed on Sept. 23, "for misusing rights and engaging in unscrupulous activities in implementation of the Bayintnaung Brokerage Construction Project in Mayangonn, in breach of rules and regulations of the committee." U Thein Htoo, U Hla Pe, U Kyaw Han, and U Aung Myint "obtained sales rooms at the Bayintnaung Brokerage. In addition, Head of Engineering Department (Buildings) U That Sin, Deputy Head of Department U Khin Maung Yi, and Assistant Engineer U Myint Swe of the YCDC were "also dismissed from their poses for breaching rules and regulations, misusing rights and engaging in unscrupulous activities." (WPD 9/25)

Castaways Return

Sept. 26: 77 out of 100 Myanmar fishermen who were cast away in "a neighbouring country" because of a storm returned by Myanma Airways from Port Blair, India. Arrangements are under way to repatriate the others. (WPD 9/27)

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