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To our Readers: We regret the delay in this issue. That we could issue it at all is thanks to the courtesy of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at the University Libraries, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, which has loaned its copies of the Working People's Daily to us. As readers are aware, we are back on track with the December 1992 and January 1993 issues. The November issue will be forthcoming as soon as we can process it.

Our set of the October Working People's Daily, as received from NIU, is missing the issues for October 1-2, as well as a number of the Sunday Literary Supplements.

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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:

Oct. 1-4: Patirupadesavaso ca, to dwell in suitable locality; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 5-18: Pubbe ca katapunnata, to be endowed with merits accrued in the past; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 19-31: Attasammapanidhi-ca to establish oneself

rightfully; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Cartoons

Examples of political/economic cartoons:

Oct. 3: Two pictures: a happy man marked "Before auditing"; a frustrated and frazzled man marked "After auditing."

Oct. 4: First Myanmar: "Now, cartoons in the papers are hard hitting." Second Myanmar: "But nobody gets hit."

Oct. 5: A boxer labeled "Commodity prices" trounces one labeled "consumer."

Oct. 6: Vulture looking at emaciated AIDS victim: "Will any flesh be left for me to have, I wonder."

Oct. 7: "Manager" to applicant: "Want a job in my department? Of course you can, but only when I run out of relatives."

Oct. 8: Wife looking at huge modern house next door: "See that? A person who gets a salary smaller than yours can build a pukka house!"

Oct. 9: Clerk, looking at departing employees: "Punctuality is the policy of our office staff. They leave work precisely at 4.30 pm."

Oct. 10: Bus conductor: "There's no one at the bus-stop; move on to the traffic lights." [Note: picking up bus passengers at traffic lights was recently prohibited.]

Oct. 11: One of two young couples honoring aged parents: "Look..even with end-of-lent offerings, one who brings candles is preferred."

Oct. 14: First Myanmar: "How can a man's character be judged?" Second Myanmar: "Appoint him head of a co-operative."

Oct. 15: Bird on power line, to another bird: "Don't be afraid of electric shock; these lines have been without electricity for a long time."

Oct. 16: "Price of Books" crushes "Reading Public"

Oct. 17: First Myanmar: "It's good those things are sold in dollars." Second Myanmar: "Have you any dollars?" First Myanmar: "I have none, and so my wife cannot ask me to buy them."

Oct. 18: Doctor to patient: "Can't afford any other nutritious food? Eat bananas... to solve malnutrition!"

Oct. 19: Vendor to housewife: "If you want correct weight and correct price come and buy only on the day when the inspection team comes!!!"

Oct. 20: Man walking between collapsing "old buildings" and "new buildings": "The fortune teller said my life may be endangered because of injuries to my head. I must be careful!"

Oct. 21: Father, watching TV with mini-skirted, weird hairdo-ed, singer: "Ha! There's a foreign stage-show." Son: "No, Dad. It's a Myanmar stage-show."

Oct. 22: Hippie: "I have been abroadÄÄ Twice to USA, three times to Japan, five times to Malaysia, and to Bankgok and Singapore." Friend: "If that's the case you must have already been to 'Myanma Traditional Folk Art Exhibition' where ancient artifacts of Myanma cultural heritage are on display." Hippie (embarrassed): "Oh No, I haven't been there as yet...he he he he!"

Oct. 23: Carefree grandmother: "Father, don't worry about your grandson passing his exam. He's attending private tuition being given by his class teacher."

Oct. 24: Official to client: "The final decision is not mine concerning your case... It's my wife's... oooops! I mean my superior's...!"

Oct. 25: "Ragman" to hungry "Writer": "You manuscripts for this month are very good."

Oct. 26: First Myanmar, at bus stop: "No good without them, no good with them. Bad if you don't have them, bad if you do." Second Myanmar: "Are you talking about women?" First Myanmar: "No, I mean line buses." Bus conductor: "15 kyats per head ... One seat vacant... 15 kyats to North side ..."

Oct. 27: First Myanmar: "No, Uncle. There is no video show in

the hospital. Why do you ask?" Second Myanmar: "There's a man collecting money at the gate. Heh! Heh!"

Oct. 28: "Before video production," "Producer" is fat and prosperous, "new video actor" is a hippy. "After video production," the producer is thin and half-naked, the actor is fat and wealthy.

Oct. 29: Housewife: "Water has spewed out." Husband: "Are you sinking a well?" Friend: "No, she's cooking pork."

Oct. 30: Husband (watching TV): "The way they're advertising everyday, the prices are sure to be high, Dear. Must hike them to cover ad costs." Wife: "Correct!"

Oct. 31: Wife: Remember, Husband dear; A man should be brave enough to face any thing....." Husband: "With the exception of going to market to buy things. I dare face anything, my dear wife... Ha! Ha!"

Political Articles

Oct. 3: UDNR ÅÅ The university to bring better quality of life of national races, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [History and purposes of the University for the Development of the National Races, established in 1991.]

Oct. 5: To fulfill a prerequisite, by Shwe La Win. [National Convention is the next step leading up to the drafting of a Constitution.]

Oct. 9-15,17-22,26-28: Tatmadaw's traditional role in national politics, by Mya Win. [(1) Tatmadaw's traditional role in national politics." (2) "Differences between national politics and party politics." (3) "Tatmadaw's political economic & national leadership (1948-1953)." (4) "Tatmadaw's political, economic and national leadership (1954-1960)." (5) "Tatmadaw in national leadership." (6-7) "The Caretaker Government's Service to the Nation." (8-10) "War in South East Asia in 1960-62 & Federalist Aspiration." (11-13) "The National Reunification Line 1962-1974." (14-16) "Tatmadaw's role in Socialist Experience (1974-88)."]

Oct. 13: If you want to prosper, work hard, by Kyaw Thura. [Basic principle of individual and national prosperity.]

Oct. 15: How foolish can they get, by Shwe La Win. [British TV reporters who criticized the Refresher Course for Doctors because the topics taught were not germane to medicine "just found faults without really studying the objectives of the course.... They overstepped the bounds of decency.... Some journalists like that enter countries in the East and they go back, full of controversial stories to print or to show, creating misunderstanding and fouling relations. By sowing enmity, resentment and hostility...they may think they become instant champions of this and that cause or heroes. Wrong!... Pity the poor viewers in their countries who are served up only one side of the coinÅÅthe contorted version. How foolish can they get!"]

Oct. 16: Lessons from Post Independence Years, by Sithu Aung. [Today's situation is like that of 1947-49: need for Constitution; splintering of political forces. Late 1940s politicians categorized from left to right.]

Oct. 18: Myanmar's Tradition of Labour Contribution, by Nyan Htet. [Refutation of charges of "slave labour" in Myanmar; people have always contributed labour to good projects.]

Oct. 19: Toward the ultimate objective, by Thura Thamein. [The National Convention is a step on the way to the objective of retransfer of power to the people.]

Oct. 31: The resolute Tatmadaw, by Thukhi Aung. [A "certain foreign radio station" on Oct. 6 broadcast that "'Myanma National Coalition Government leader Prime Ministry Dr U Sein Win, gave a press conference at UN headquarters.' What an attempt to turn a bug into a turtle! The radio station had definitely publicised Defector Sein Win." The radio station "suggested that the Tatmadaw government would be able to solve Myanma problems only through negotiations with such peoples [sic] as Sein Win who are accomplices of KNU insurgents. That radio station stated: 'U Sein Win quoted U Ohn Gyaw as saying that a national convention was to be convened at the end of this year

or early next year, and said that nothing beneficial would come out of this national conference [sic]. U Sein Win said that was because a civil war was still raging in Myanmar. The military government had rejected talks with leaders of revolutionary national leaders [sic]. U Sein Win therefore did not believe that Myanmar problems would be solved.'" {The Tatmadaw's position on rejecting negotiations unless insurgents "return to the legal fold" described, with lengthy quotations.} "A radio station has broadcast suggestions for acceptance of defector Sein Win's subversive insurgents without their first entering the legal fold or for acceptance of mediation by a foreign minister of a certain country between insurgents and the government. The above is evidence of the Tatmadaw's resolute stand in this context."]

Martial Law Signs Removed

Oct. 6: Authorities have ordered the removal of all posters and signboards regarding martial law, since Martial Law Orders 1/89 and 2/89 have been revoked by SLORC Order 12/92 of Sept. 26. This includes signs with such messages as: "What is the Tatmadaw doing? It is carrying out its duties holding in esteem Our Three Main National Causes and the Four Oaths. With what is it ruling? It is ruling with the use of Martial Law." Although it is still true that the Tatmadaw holds in esteem Our Three Main National Causes and the Four Oaths, "the term 'It is ruling with the use of Martial Law' is no longer appropriate under the prevailing conditions." (WPD 10/ 7)

Prisoners Released

Oct. 6: 31 men were released from Insein Central Jail and Pyapon Jail; "their sentences were reduced under the [SLORC] Declaration No. 11/92." (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 7: 43 men were released from Hinthada jail. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 9: 26 men and 4 women were released from Myaungmya jail. (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 23: 107 men were released from Hinthada Jail. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 24: 47 men were released from Patheingyi Jail. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 25: 43 men were released from Myaungmya Jail. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 29: 83 men were released from Myingyan Jail. (WPD 10/30)

Oct. 30: 47 men were released from Pakokku Jail. (WPD 10/31)

Bangladesh Border Returnees

Oct. 8: 46 persons who fled to Bangladesh were accepted at the Kanyinchaung Reception Camp on Sept. 22, and two more on Oct. 2. The Sept. 30 issue of the New Straits Times of Malaysia reported Bangladesh charges "that rumours spread by Muslim rebels and non-governmental international aid organizations are thwarting repatriation efforts for the remainder [text of article reprinted]. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 12: Three Bangladesh officials brought back 34 men and 29 women to the Kanyinchaung Reception Camp, accompanied by a four-member TV crew; the crew interviewed two of the women, "who replied that they returned of their own free will and told them their addresses." (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 28: The 10th regular monthly meeting between Myanmar and Bangladesh "on receiving those who have absconded to Bangladesh" took place in Chittagong on Oct. 24. Myanmar was represented by Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Department [IMPD], accompanied by Director-General U Saw Thein of the Resettlement Department, Director U Ngwe Tun of the Attorney-General's Office, Maj. Myo Myint and Maj. Htay Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Directors of the IMPD U Min Thu and U Khin Shwe. Bangladesh was represented by Chittagong District Commissioner Mr. Mohamed Omar Farouq, who "handed over lists of households and persons to be repatriated to Myanmar." Before returning home, the Myanmar delegation visited sites, including a Buddhist Monastery, in the Chittagong area. The next meeting will be in November. (WPD 10/29)

Doctor Refresher Course

Oct. 13: Addressing the opening of Refresher Course No. 3 for Doctors, at the Central Institute of Public Services in Hlegu, SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt discussed false news stories:

"Regarding invented writings and broadcasts of foreign organizations and journalists," he "said certain broadcasting stations alleged that there was persecution against Roman Catholic faithful in Kayah State and that villagers were forced to build rail roads.... For more than four years, he said, Tatmadawmen of regiments and units and local people in the regions concerned have been building road and bridges. All should realize why they were alleging only at this time that a minority national race in a certain region was being forced to work.

"The Secretary-1 also recalled false reports about killings against monks in Mandalay and persecution against Muslims near the Bangladesh border. He said that when reception camps were opened to receive the returnees from Bangladesh armed terrorists and certain organizations prevented the people of the so-called refugee camps from returning. They made apparent that the problem could not be solved. But Myanmar Naing-Ngan's sincerity could not be covered up for long. Under the circumstances, they then turned to the Christians; this should be aware of, he said [sic].... No one residing in Myanmar Naing-Ngan can cover up the fact that the four major religions of the world are flourishing. He called on the doctors to guard against the danger of interferences....

"He said that a crew of ITN television from Britain [was given permission] to interview the trainees of the course.... Afterwards, they wrote in the Visitors' Book expressing satisfaction. But on their return, they broadcast about refresher courses saying the subjects taught at the refresher courses had nothing to do with the subjects in the universities. They also said that doctors were taught political science and ideology which had nothing to do with medical treatment. The Secretary-1 declared that the critics just found faults without really studying the objectives of the course. He said that the subjects taught at the course concern not only the teachers and doctors but also all the citizens of the country....

"He said that the spread of AIDS in Myanmar Naing-Ngan was caused by certain Myanmar men and women who lacked patriotism and some women faced with financial problems. The first victim in Myanmar Naing-Ngan was a sailor in 1989. Afterwards, some men and women who went across the border into another country were infected with AIDS. He then called for public cooperation in the fight against AIDS" (WPD 10/14)

New LORC Duties Assigned

Oct. 30: Duties were assigned to the [Yangon Division] re-organized District [formerly Township Zone] and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, in a ceremony at Yangon City Hall. Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that "even if they could not surpass those who had been assigned duties in the past, they should not be inferior to them. He mentioned that in the newly reorganized Councils, there were service personnel from the General Administrative Department, People's Police Force, Immigration and Manpower Department, Education Department and the Fire Services Department and therefore the number of departments which get more information had increased and therefore they were expected to get information mcu faster than others." (WPD 10/31)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Convening Commission Formed

Oct. 2: SLORC Order No. 13/92, Formation of the Convening Commission for the National Convention reads [full text, except for condensed list of names]:

1. The State Law and Order Restoration Council has, by issuing Declaration No. 11/92 dated 24th April, 1992 already declared that in

respect of the convening of the National Convention, after co-ordinating with the leaders of the representatives elected from political parties existing lawfully and elected independent representatives the National Convention would be convened within six months in order to lay down the basic principles for drafting a firm Constitution of the State.

2. In accordance with such Declaration, the State Law and Order Restoration Council will convene the National Convention within six months from 10th July, 1992 the date of completion of co-ordination.

3. In order that the National Convention may be convened systematically, successfully and smoothly, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby forms the following Convening Commission for the National Convention:ÄÄ [list of names in condensed format]

Chairman: (a) Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt, SLORC

Vice-Chairmen: (b) Maj-Gen. Maung Thint, SLORC; (c) Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, Minister for Information

Members: (d) Chief Justice U Aung Toe; (e) Attorney-General U Tha Tun; (f) Judge Advocate General Brig-Gen. Than Oo; (g) Inspector-General of Defence Services Brig-Gen. Tin Aye; (h) Vice-Adjutant General Col. Than Tun; (i) Col. Ye Htut, Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute; (j) Lt-Col. Kyaw Win, Deputy Director of Directorate of Defence Services Intelligence (DSI); (k) Lt-Col. Than Tun, General Staff Officer, DSI; (l) U Aye Maung, Director-General, Office of the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission; (m) U Aung Khin Tint, SLORC Legal Adviser; (n) U Thein Sein, SLORC Officer on Special Duty; (o) U Thaung Nyunt, Pyithu Hluttaw Adviser; (p) Brig-Gen. Augn Thein, Director, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare.

Joint Secretaries: (q) U Myo Nyunt, Director-General; (r) U Aung Nyunt, Deputy Director-General, Office of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

4. The duties of the Convening Commission are as follows:ÄÄ

(a) shall convene the National Convention with the objective of laying down principles to be based upon in drafting a firm Constitution of the State;

(b) shall, in laying down the basic principles for the drafting of the Constitution of the State at the National Convention, supervise in order to co-ordinate within the framework of the following objectives:ÄÄ

- (1) non-disintegration of the Union;
- (2) non-disintegration of the national solidarity;
- (3) consolidation and perpetuation of Sovereignty;
- (4) emergence of a genuine multi-party democratic system;
- (5) development of eternal principles of justice, liberty

and equality in the State;

(6) participation of the Tatmadaw in the leading role of national politics of the State in future;

(c) shall make arrangement to enable the representatives attending the National Convention to submit systematically their wishes, suggestions and proposals at the National Convention.

5. The functions of the Convening Commission are as follows:ÄÄ

(a) determining the methods for selection of representatives to attend the National Convention according to the following categories of representatives:ÄÄ

- (1) representatives of political parties;
- (2) representatives elected at the election;
- (3) representatives of the national races;
- (4) representatives of peasants;
- (5) representatives of workers;
- (6) representatives of intelligentsia and technocrats;
- (7) representatives of State service personnel;
- (8) other persons who should be invited.

(b) after determining the methods for selection of representatives, intimating to the relevant organizations for selection of representatives in the prescribed number according to the category of representatives;

(c) determining the period for the respective organizations to

send the nomination list and personal records of the representatives selected in accordance with the method of selecting representatives;

(d) compiling the names and personal records of representatives according to the category of representatives;

(e) sending invitations for the timely attendance at the National Convention, after receiving a complete list of the names of representatives;

(f) laying down the procedures relating to the convening of the National Convention;

(g) laying down and carrying out the administrative work programmes and financial regulations required for the convening of the National Convention.

6. The Convening Commission may

(a) in carrying out its duties and functions, form committees as may be necessary and assign responsibility in order to be more effective and successful;

(b) in forming the committees, include members of the Convening Commission and also persons from the Government departments and organizations and suitable citizens.

7. The Convening Commission in carrying out its duties and functions has the right to obtain requirements of office work and other assistance and support as may be necessary from the respective Government departments and organizations.

8. The expenditures relating to the convening of the National Convention shall be borne out of the Pyithu Hluttaw fund.

9. The Convening Commission shall, after convening the National Convention, submit to the State Law and Order Restoration Council a report relating to the convening of the National Convention.

(WPD 10/3)

Convention Preparations

Oct. 5: An Office of the Convening Commission for the National Convention was opened on the premises of the Pyithu Hluttaw on Pyay Road, Yangon. Tel: 84489 and 29502. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 12: Chairman Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt of the Convening Commission for the National Convention and others "explained matters relating to selecting of representatives of State service personnel and representatives of intelligentsia and technocrats to attend the National Convention." (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 16: The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for the Selection of Representatives to attend the National Convention met at the Yangon Division LORC office under Chairman U Tun Tin. (WPD 10/17) [Note: we report only a selection of similar meetings.]

Oct. 19: The Shan State Supervisory Committee for the Selection of Representatives to attend the National Convention met at the Shan State Election Sub-commission under Chairman U Sai Tun Hla, Shan State General Administrative Department Director. (WPD 10/20) // Oct. 21: The meeting was in Taunggyi. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 25: The Ayeyarwady Division Supervisory Committee met Oct. 23 at the Division LORC office to discuss selection of representatives under the Chairmanship of U Sai Ko Lay. The Mon State Supervisory Committee met on Oct. 21 at the Mon State General Administrative Department to discuss selection of representatives under the Chairmanship of U Sai Tun Oo. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 27: The Yangon North District Supervisory Committee met in Insein and elected three workers' representatives for the National Convention. (WPD 10/28)

Management Committee Formed

Oct. 15: The Convening Commission for the National Convention issued its letter of Oct. 15 signed by Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt [full text, except for condensed list of names]:
Subject: Formation of Management Committee for Convening the National Convention

1. In order that the National Convention may be convened systematically, successfully and smoothly, the State Law and Order

Restoration Council, formed the Convening Commission for the National Convention under Order No 13/92 dated 2nd October, 1992. In exercise of the rights vested in it under Para 6 of the Order, the Convening Commission, in order to carry out its duties and functions more effectively and successfully, hereby forms the Management Committee for Convening the National Convention:ÅÅ

Management Committee for Convening the National Convention

Chairman: (1) Brig-Gen. Tin Aye, Inspector-General, Ministry of Defence

Vice-Chairmen: (2) Brig-Gen. Tha Htay, Director of Supply and Transport, Ministry of Defence, and (3) U Hlaing Win, Deputy Minister for Mines

Members: (4) Brig-Gen. Win Tin, Deputy Minister for Planning & Finance; (5) Brig-Gen. Kyaw Win, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Defence; (6) Col. Than Tun, Vice Adjutant-General, Ministry of Defence; (7) Col. Sein Lay, Director of Signals, Ministry of Defence; (8) Lt-Col. Than Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs; (9) U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Co-operatives; (10) U Win Naing, Deputy Minister for Trade; (11) Col. Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Health; (12) U San Wai, Deputy Minister for Transport; (13) U Tin Tun, Deputy Minister for Energy; (14) Col. Sein Htwa, Commander, No. 77 Light Infantry Division; (15) Col. Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Commander, Yangon Command; (16) Lt-Col. Kyaw Win, Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence, Ministry of Defence; (17) Lt-Col. Pe Nyein, Director-General, Office of the SLORC; (18) U Soe Tint, Director-General, Government Office; (19) U Khin Kywe, Director-General, President's Office; (20) Col. Khin Latt, Commandant, Defence Services Records Office; (21) Col. Aung Than, Deputy Inspector-General, Ministry of Defence; (22) Police Maj-Gen. San Thein, Director-General, People's Police Force; (23) U Khin Tun, Director-General, Bureau of Special Investigation; (24) U Pan Aung, Secretary, Yangon City Development Committee; (25) Daw Khin Than Tin, Director-General, Office of the Auditor-General; (26) U Tint Wai Aye, Managing-Director, Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services; (27) U Maung Maung, Managing Director, Restaurant and Beverage Services; (28) U Win Sein, Director-General, Information and Public Relations Department; (29) U Kyaw Myint, Managing Director, Myanma Railways; (30) U Aung Thein, Managing Director, Road Transport; (31) U Shwe Tun Maung, Managing Director, Public Works; (32) U Htay Aung, Managing Director, Myanma Posts & Telecommunications; (33) U Myint Thein, Director, Pyithu Hluttaw Office

Secretary: (34) Lt-Col. Than Tin, General Staff Officer (Grade I), Directorate of Supply and Transport

Joint Secretaries: (35) Maj. Hla Win, General Staff Officer (Grade II), Directorate of Supply and Transport; (36) Capt. Thein Myint, General Staff Officer (Grade III), Office of the Inspector-General.

2. The duties of the Management Committee for Convening the National Convention are as follows:

- (a) to take security measures for the Convention and its delegates;
- (b) to arrange accommodation and reception of the delegates;
- (c) to facilitate transport of delegates;
- (d) to arrange messing for the delegates;
- (e) to see to entertainment and welfare of delegates;
- (f) to provide medical care;
- (g) decoration of the surroundings and the building for the Convention and hostels for the delegates;
- (h) to install PA system in the Convention Hall;
- (i) to manage information to work connected with the Convention;
- (j) to enable documentation on photographs and films;
- (k) to arrange seating plans in the Convention Hall;
- (l) to publish and distribute commemorative stamps and postcards; and
- (m) to manage TA and DA affairs of the delegates.

3. The rights of the Managing Committee for Convening the

National Convention are as follows:

(a) the right to increase the number of Committee members as needed;

(b) the right to form and assign duties to various sub-committees to ensure effective and successful performance of administration and supply duties;

(c) the right to obtain necessary help and assistance of government departments for its work performance; and

(d) the right to obtain and use funds of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office for expenses other than those expended by the government departments for convening the National Convention.

Sd. Myo Nyunt

Maj-Gen

Chairman

Convening Commission for National Convention

(WPD 10/16)

Oct. 26: The Management Committee held its first meeting. (WPD 10/27)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Oct. 2: Belgian Ambassador Xavier R. Van Migem called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 8: Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 9: Thai Military Attache Col. Dumrongsuk Bejaphala, who is completing his tour in Myanmar, called on SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt to introduce his successor, Dol. Prajan Karasuddhi. Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Hassan Ghanem called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 9: German Ambassador Baron von Marschall called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. British Ambassador Julian D.N. Hartland Swann, accompanied by Cultural Attache Mr. R.H. Isaacs, called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin. (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 12: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 14: German Ambassador Dr. Baron Walther Von Marshall called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 16: Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Hassan Ghanem called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 19: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt, and on Minister for Mines Maj-Gen. Kyaw Min. Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. German Ambassador Dr. Baron Walther Von Marshall called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant to discuss Myanmar newspapers and "permissions given to foreign journalists to visit Myanmar." Malaysian Ambassador John Tenewi Nuek called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 20: Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Hassan Ghanem called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng visited the Myanma Traditional Folk Art Exhibition, and presented an antique Chinese ceramic horse. Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 21: The Egyptian Ambassador called on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V.

Tirona called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 22: Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Hassan Ghanem, and Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura, called on Minister for Mines Maj-Gen. Kyaw Min. The Japanese Ambassador also called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba. Israeli Ambassador Ori Noy called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. Malaysian Ambassador John Tenewi Nuek called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 23: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba. British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland Swann called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 26: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futrakul called on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona called on Minister for Mines Maj-Gen. Kyaw Min. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 27: Malaysian Ambassador John Tenewi Nuek called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint. Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung.

Oct. 28: The Malaysian Ambassador called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha, and on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 29: Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races Maj-Gen. Maung Thint, and on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 10/30)

Oct. 30: The Nepalese Ambassador called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba. The Philippine Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races Maj-Gen. Maung Thint. Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futrakul called on Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races Maj-Gen. Maung Thint, to discuss "mutual co-operation for the development of border areas and national races, cultivation of opium substitution crops, construction and renovation of roads and bridges and uplifting the living standard of national populace in the border areas by extension of tourism services." FAO Resident Representative Mr. Oscar J.S. Lazo called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung to discuss boosting rice production. Mr. Lazo said that Myanmar paddy production will increase by 10-20% over last year because of favourable weather, technology inputs, and adjustment of farmers to changing market economics. (WPD 10/31)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Oct. 6: Dr. Thakkan Mallik presented credentials to SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe as new Nepalese Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 9: The Government has approved the nomination of Mr. Odd Lauritz Fosseidbraten as new Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar. Mr. Fosseidbraten was born in 1946, and received a Masters Degree in Political Science/International Affairs in 1972. He joined the diplomatic service in 1973. He is currently, and concurrently, Ambassador to Singapore, where he is resident. (WPD 10/ 10)

Oct. 22: Mr. Jehan Raheem presented his letter of appointment as UNDP Resident Representative in Yangon to Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (WPD 10/24)

Ten Thais Detained

Oct. 13: [full text] "The Tatmadaw columns on security reasons temporarily detained 10 Thai nationals headed by Mae Hong Son's District Chief of Thailand Mr Nipon Kanpa, who on 6 October entered Myanmar Naing-Ngan's territory in Hwe Pong Lao region in the Eastern Command area. The region is in the area where Tatmadaw columns fought battles with KNU/ KNPP terrorists. After carrying out necessary checks on them, leader Mr Nipon Kanpa was sent back to Thailand today, 13 October, in view of the friendly relations between the two countries. Prior to his departure for Thailand Mr Nipon Kanpa was interviewed by local and foreign journalists at the Airport Lounge. The remaining nine Thai nationals will also be sent back in due course." [photo] (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 14: The other nine Thais were sent back to Bangkok by Myanma Airways "in view of friendly relations between the two countries." [photo] (WPD 10/15)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Foreign Donations

Oct. 14: The American College of Cardiology donated 13 types of medical equipment to the Ministry of Health, which were presented by Dr. Paul W. Broadbent and Mr. Terry R. Davidson of the American Embassy to Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 22: The Korean Government donated 165 water pumps worth US\$133,819 for border area development. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 24: "Relict of U Tha Tun Aung, Daw Ni Ni and family members who are resident in the United States of America, donated their estate at No 80-A Than Lwin Road, Bahann Township to Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Kanmahtanasariya Ashin Panditabhivamsa of Panditayama Shwetaunggon Sasana Yeiktha this morning.... The estate is valued at K 80 million at current prices." (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 26: The German Embassy presented chemical dyes worth DM 3,367 to the Women's Home in Bahann Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 30: Orbis Flying Hospital, represented by President Mr. Oliver Foot, donated medical equipment worth US\$12,000 to the Ministry of Health for eye patients. (WPD 10/31)

Narcotics Aerial Photography

Oct. 19: A meeting to coordinate measures for taking aerial photographs in the project areas covered by the Myanmar-China and Myanmar-Thailand sub-regional anti-narcotic agreements was held at Police headquarters. Secretary of CCDAC, Director-General of Police Maj-Gen. San Thein spoke. Present were UNDCP project adviser Mr. C.F. Massey, FAO Adviser Mr. Sang Kyun Choi, Director-General of the Ministry for Development of Border Areas and National Races Lt-Col. Thein Han, and officials of many government agencies. "Matters relating to the taking of aerial photographs in the project areas were coordinated at the meeting." (WPD 10/20)

Colombo Plan Meeting

Oct. 16: Mr. John Ryan, Director of the Colombo Plan Bureau, called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the 34th Colombo Plan Consultative Committee Meeting set for Yangon Nov. 26-Dec. 2. (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 19: The Central Committee for Convening the 34th Colombo Plan Consultative Committee Meeting held its eighth meeting. (WPD 10/20)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

Oct. 9: Dr. Klaus Lampe, Director-General of the International Rice Research Institute of the Philippines called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung, to discuss cooperation with IRRI and Myanmar. (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 16: Mr. Keith R. Emrich and Mr. Christian J. Kroll from the Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) called on Chairman of Narcotics Drug Executive Committee Director-General of Basic Education U Tin Pe to discuss anti-narcotics education. (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 20: UNESCO Agriculture Education Consultant Mr. G. Dick, Education Management Information System Consultant Mr. F. P. Abillama, Vocational and Technical Education Consultant Mr. C. Leven, and Chief Technical Adviser Dr. A. Schwartz, in Yangon on the UNDP Education Sector Study Project, called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/21)

Business Visitors

Oct. 2: Mr. Narong Sri Sa-an, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board of the Thai Farmers Bank, called on Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel and on Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 27: Mr. Vikrom Aisiri, Director of Ves Group Co. Ltd. of Thailand and party called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba. The company has a permit for building a hotel on Thuhtay Island, Kawthaung [Tanintharyi]; it is also interested in opening hotels and vacation centres in Dawai, Maungmagan, Kyaing Tong, and Loimwe, as well as general renovation and extension of the Kandawgyi Hotel [in Yangon]. (WPD 10/28)

Foreign Correspondents

Oct. 7: Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant met with five foreign correspondents who are currently visiting Yangon. They are David Brunnstrom of Reuter News Agency, Kim Wiesener, Southeast Asian correspondent of Politiken Newspaper of Denmark, Richard Honik, Southeast Asian Bureau Chief, and photo-correspondent Greg Davids of Time Magazine, and Lindsay Murdoch Singapore correspondent of Age Newspaper, Melbourne, Australia. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 9: Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), explained CCDAC activities to three of the journalists. (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 23: Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant met with journalists Mr. Takayoshi Fujimora, Asian Editor, and Mr. Makito Ohashi, Singapore Regional Bureau Chief, of Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc., and AFP correspondent in Tokyo Miss Elizabeth Zingg. Miss Zingg also called on Director-General of the Office of the Work Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races Lt-Col. Thein Han, who explained border development projects. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 28: Mr. Tom Mintier of Cable News Network (CNN), and his group, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba to discuss hotel and tourism services. The Minister "said that it was partly true that isolationism was formerly practiced in Myanmar. It was, he said, due to the insurgency of internal terrorists who collaborated with some foreigners in their attempt to cause disintegration of Myanmar Naing-Ngan. The country has now opened its doors in accordance with the market-oriented economic system...as peace and tranquillity has been restored, he said. He spoke of arrangements which are now being made to enable issuing of visas to tourists within 24 hours." (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 29: Mr. Tom Mintier, Japan Bureau Chief/Correspondent of Cable News Network (CNN) and Producer Mr. Narunart Prapanra, Financial Times South-East Asia Correspondent Mr. Victor Mallet, and Ms. Jackie Northam of ABC News were received by Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. (WPD 10/30)

Chinese Irrigation Delegation

Oct. 14: A six-member irrigation works study delegation from Yunnan Province, headed by Deputy Director Mr. Li Zhi Shou of the Water Conservation and Hydel-Power Department of Yunnan Province, called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 15: The delegation called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/16)

Czechoslovak Trade Delegation

Oct. 15: A Czech & Slovak delegation led by Mr. V. Vackar of the Ministry of Foreign Trade called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. (WPD 10/16)

Laos Agriculture Minister

Oct. 20: An 8-member agriculture and forestry delegation led by General Sisavath Keobounphanh, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Laos, arrived, and was received by Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung. The Minister will study agriculture, livestock breeding, and forestry, until Oct. 26. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 21: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. He also visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, and donated K10,000 to pagoda funds. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 22: He called on SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 23: He visited the Central Agricultural and Forest Research Departments at Hmawbi and the Yaindaikkwin Village All-around Development Project in Taikkyi. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 24: He observed agricultural activities in Hlegu and Bago. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 25: Following a visit to Yangon zoo and the Pynmabin breeding farm, a technical agreement on agricultural and livestock breeding between Laos and Myanmar was signed by Directors-General Mr. Koll Chansina of Laos and Dr. Myint Thein of Myanmar. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 26: The Minister and his delegation returned home. (WPD 10/27)

US State Department Official

Oct. 23: Mr. William Davnie of the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters of the United States Department of State called on Joint Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun. He was accompanied by Embassy First Secretary Mr. Douglas B. Wake. Also present were Lt-Col. Hkam Aung of the Police Narcotics Division, and Capt. Aung Min of the Defence Ministry. (WPD 10/24)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Oct. 3: Demonstrator U Nyunt Pe of Patheingyi Degree College left for Japan for a doctorate course in botany. Daw Khin Ma Hmwe of Loikaw No. 2 High School left for Japan for an In-service Teachers Training course. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 4: Assistant Director U Tin Aung Win of the Department of Labour left for Israel to attend the 71st International Course on the Role of the Labour Movement in National Development from Oct. 4-27. (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 5: Editors U Kyaw Zaw and U Soe Win Than of Myanmar News Agency (International) left for Bangkok to attend the Oct. 6-10 Reuter journalism Workshop. (WPD 10/ 6) // Oct. 12: They returned. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 6: A 4-member delegation headed by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein left for Indonesia and Japan to study energy matters for two weeks. Other members are Managing Director U Aung Hlaing of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, Managing Director U Pe Kyi of

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Deputy Chief Engineer U Bo Kyin of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, and the Minister's PSO Daw Mala Thein. (WPD 10/7) // Oct. 25: The delegation returned. In Jakarta, the Minister met on Oct. 8 with Minister of Energy and Mines Mr. Ginanjar Kartasasmita and Chairman of Pertamina Oil Company Mr. F. Abada'oe, and visited an oil worksite in Irian Jaya on Oct. 9-12. In Japan he visited the Kurobe Hydro Power Station in Shinnano Ohmachi on Oct. 16. In Tokyo he met with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Koji Kakizawa, Vice President Mr. Michihiko Ikeda of OECF, Japan, and Director-General Mr. Tateshi Isayama of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. In Singapore on Oct. 21, he visited the Pulau Seraya Power Station. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 10: U Kyaw Kyaw and U Phone Kyaw of the Archaeology Department, Mandalay, left for India via Thailand, as State Scholars, to study architectural drafting for three months at the Research Institute in Pondicherry, "under a French architect who helps run the Institute." (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 12: A delegation led by Rector U Myo Nyunt of the University of Distance Education [UDE] left for Thailand to study techniques of distance education for 11 days at the invitation of the Thai government. Other members are Director (University) U Min Than Thaung of the Higher Education Department, Pro-rector Dr. Thein Myint of the UDE, In-charge U Myint Maung of the UDE (Mandalay branch), and Associate Professor Daw Tin Nwe of the UDE Zoology Department. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 17: Commander San Myint (Navy) of the Naval Hydrographic Depot and U Pike of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department left for Sri Lanka to attend a Workshop on Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Co-operation Secretariats, being held from Oct. 18-25. (WPD 10/18)

Oct. 19: Three scholars left for Malaysia Oct. 17 to attend doctorate courses: Assistant Lecturer U Aung Aung Min of the Botany Department of the Workers' Degree College; Lecturer Daw Khin May Yi of the Economics Department of the Institute of Economics; and Lecturer Daw San Myint of the Chemical Engineering Department of the Yangon Institute of Technology. (WPD 10/ 20)

Oct. 25: Assistant Supervisor U Sa Samuel of Myanma Farms Enterprise left for Israel to attend an International Course on Crops for Arid and Semi-arid Zones from Oct. 25-Dec. 20. Assistant Manager Daw Khin Than Cho of the Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise left for Thailand to attend a Seminar on the Promotion of Sustainable Tourism Development in the ESCAP Region from Oct. 26-30, sponsored by the Netherlands. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 26: Assistant Lecturer Daw Khin Mar Wai of the Mawlamyine Teacher Training Institute left for Israel to attend a course on Emergency Literacy in Early Childhood Education Development and Educational Aspects. (WPD 10/27)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Oct. 9: Deputy Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Win Tin and other officials attended the Workshop on Planning for Myanma Economic Development in Seoul, sponsored by the Jinro Group, from Sept. 16-17. Present were the President of the American Council on Asia and Pacific Affairs, professors of economics from George Washington University and Seoul National University, etc. Honorary Prof. Gaston J. Sigur of George Washington University spoke. The Korea Longterm Credit Bank offered technical assistance to private entrepreneurs in Myanmar. The Deputy Minister then flew to Washington where, accompanied by Chairman U Maung Maung Han of the Union of Myanmar Bank, and Director-General U Thein Aung Lwin of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, he attended the IMF and World Bank meetings there Sept. 22-24, and the UNDP Administrative Council Meeting in New York on Sept. 29-30. On their return they visited Hong Kong from Oct. 3-5, and Singapore from Oct. 5-8. "They discussed financial matters, plan for opening stock markets in Myanmar and having foreign banks and branch banks opened in Myanmar with officials of Hong Kong Government Monetary Affairs Department,

Securities and Futures Commission, the Stock Exchange Hong Kong Limited and Sun Hung Kaw Securities Ltd in Hong Kong and with the officials of Development Bank in Singapore, Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation and BFCE French Bank in Singapore." (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 24: Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin left for the Netherlands to attend the Ministerial Meeting on Malaria in Amsterdam, Oct. 26-27. He was accompanied by Malariologist Dr. Thein Tun of the Health Department, and by Director Brig-Gen. Kyaw Win of Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, who is attending in his capacity as a member of the WHO expert committee. (WPD 10/25)

Minister Abel to Korea & Philippines

Oct. 3: Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel, accompanied by Minister for Trade Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi and Minister for Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, left by air to visit the Philippines and the Republic of Korea. Also in the delegation are Deputy Director of Trade U Maung Maung Yi, Division Head of the Foreign Investments Commission Office U Thin Maung, and Brig-Gen. Abel's personal secretary U Tin Maung Htay. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 8: A Myanmar delegation headed by Minister for Planning & Finance Brig-Gen. Abel, with Minister for Trade Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi, has arrived in Manila to sign a trade agreement. They met President Fidel Ramos on Oct. 7. The pact, still to be finalized, "aims to promote trade in goods and services, and explores possible joint ventures and technology transfer." Myanmar-Philippine trade was only US\$6.6 million over a ten year period, Philippine sources said. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 13: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/14)

Myanmar at the UNGA

Oct. 6: On Oct. 4 Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw delivered a statement at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York [full text published]:

He welcomed the 13 new UN members, and expressed approval of UN initiatives in the Balkans and the Horn of Africa. But he said that "The decisions of the Organization must reflect [the] collective will [of the members] and not the narrow interests or predilections of a nation or a group of nations. Any departure from those principles is bound to be divisive and detract from our efforts to construct a fair and equitable international order." The time is ripe, he said, "to examine whether the constitutional balance between the principal organs of the Organization, particularly between the General Assembly and the Security Council, envisaged in the Charter, is being consistently maintained."

He noted the contributions of the 110 members of the Non-Aligned Movement, and said that it "can and must play an increasingly active role in international affairs to bring about a new world order of justice, peace and security."

He endorsed continued disarmament, praised the accession of China and France to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and said the time had come for the cessation of nuclear testing. He also endorsed total chemical disarmament, saying that: "Myanmar has consistently sought a total ban on Chemical Weapons— one that is comprehensive, universal and effectively verifiable. As a country that neither possesses nor manufactures those weapons of mass destruction nor have any intention of acquiring them in the future, we welcome the [Chemical Weapons] Convention and intend to become an initial signatory to the Convention."

The Minister endorsed the UN efforts to bring peace to Cambodia, and called on all parties to the conflict to cooperate fully with UNTAC. He also expressed encouragement over developments in the Middle East and in South Africa.

Turning to economics, he said "The global economy remains sluggish and the prospects for its recovery are dim, particularly in the immediate future." He called for an "all out effort for revitalization of growth," and expressed concern at growing unilateralism and protectionism, saying that "Myanmar places great

importance on a strung multilateral trading system and special significance on successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round...."

Endorsing the Rio Conference on the environment, the Minister called for sustainable development, and said "A firm commitment to provide to the developing countries new, adequate and additional financial resources on a predictable basis is of utmost importance if we are to implement the proposed plan of action to protect and preserve Planet Earth."

The Minister discussed Myanmar's commitment to the eradication of narcotic drugs, and said that Myanmar's efforts "should be complemented by cooperation at the sub-regional, regional and global levels," noting the agreements signed with China and Thailand aimed at eliminating opium poppy cultivation and reducing drug trafficking.

Turning to human rights, the Minister said: "In the realm of human rights, Myanmar has been subjected to undue and unwarranted criticism from some quarters. Critics have unjustifiably portrayed Myanmar as a land where gross violations of human rights have been perpetrated. This despite the full cooperation we have extended and are continuing to extend to the United Nations bodies concerned with the question of human rights, providing clarifications or information requested of us. We have also furnished information sought by the Human Rights Commission and by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities." He noted that Myanmar had received two independent experts appointed by the Commission in 1990 and 1991, and that despite dissociating itself from the decision taken at the 48th Commission session, Myanmar would receive the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission. "He will have the opportunity to observe first hand the true situation obtaining in the country." The Minister noted that Myanmar on Aug. 24, 1992, acceded to the Four Geneva Conventions of 1949.

He outlined preparations for the National Convention as the next step "in our country's march towards a multi-party democratic state." In addition to these preparations, the Government had suspended military operations in Kayin State and elsewhere, the release of individuals "who no longer pose a threat to the security of the country," the reopening of colleges and universities, the rescinding of the curfew and martial law, the reconstitution of Township LORCs "with civilian personnel in anticipation of the future democratic administrative structure," and the creation of a separate Ministry of Development of Border Areas and National Races to promote the welfare of national races living in remote areas.

In closing, the Minister said:

"Mr. President,

"The Government of the Union of Myanmar is undertaking these measures with conviction and dedication. It is fully aware of the dangers and pitfalls faced by nations in transition from one political and economic system to another. The Government and the People of Myanmar are determined to carry out their tasks at a sure and steady pace to ensure that the aspirations of the people for a democratic Myanmar are realized." (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 18: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw returned from the UNGA session in New York. In New York he met with General Assembly President Mr. Stoyan Ganev, with UN Secretary-General Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Mr. Jan Eliasson. He also had bilateral talks with Foreign Ministers from Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, and Papua-New Guinea. On his way home he visited Japan from Oct. 15-16, and met with Foreign Minister Michiyo Watanabe. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 19: "Some foreign broadcasting stations and some journals broadcast and published news that expatriate Sein Win and group carried out some activities at the General Assembly session...." Interviewed by Myanma News Agency about these reports, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw said that everyone had listened to his statement very seriously, and found it to be very constructive. "It was learnt that expatriate Sein Win held a press conference in a very

small room of the United Nations Reporters Club on that day. That small room is not one in which the leaders of the delegations...hold press conferences in a befitting manner.... That the room is a common room and could be used by anyone who knows the reporters and the staff members of the UN. That, as for expatriate Sein Win and his group they had no permission at all to enter the building where the [UNGA] was in session.... There were very few who had any interest in the arrangement of expatriate Sein Win's group and it was learnt that only a few reporters attended. Only some of the journals and radio broadcasting stations which did not have a clear vision on Myanmar Naing-Ngan and used to write and broadcast falsehood about it were spreading fabricated news to mislead others. Hence the activities of expatriate Sein Win and his group had no effect at all at the UN and that they were not even mentioned in the next day's papers. It is likely that their aim was to mislead the people in Myanmar Naing-Ngan." A Japanese journalist from Sankei Shimbun, who interviewed the Minister, never mentioned Sein Win. The Minister's statement was printed in the UN News Bulletin "and the delegates appeared not to know anything about Sein Win's activities." (WPD 10/ 20)

Oct. 22: Editorial: A mole-hill of no consequence. ["Certain foreign broadcasting stations and some journals are making mountains out of mole-hills. They published reports that expatriate Sein Win and group had carried out some activities at the General Assembly while it was holding its 47th Session. Such reports would be laughable were it not for the seriousness of their vindictive nature.... {Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw's remarks, reported above, summarized.} But no matter how hard some may try to turn a mole-hill into a mountain, a mole-hill will always remain a mole-hill, of no consequence."]

Welfare Minister Visits China

Oct. 7: A goodwill delegation headed by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint left for China at the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Engineering. Other members are Director-General Col. Than Po of the Social Welfare Department, Director-General U Saw Thein of the Relief and Resettlement Department, and Director-General U Win Lwin of the Fire Services Department, PSO to the Minister Capt. Tin Tun, and Capt. Hlaing Myint of the Directorate of Military Engineers. (WPD 10/8) // Oct. 17: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/18)

Oct. 21: Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint was received on Oct. 8 by Chinese Minister of Civil Affairs Cui Nai Fu, who reviewed Myanmar-Chinese traditional good relations and China's recent economic progress under leader Deng Xiaoping. The Myanmar visited Shanghai and, on Oct. 14-15, the Shenzhen economic zone in Guangdong Province. Shenzhen had grown in 12 years from a small town to a "modern big town" with a population of 2.38 million, thanks to China's open-door policy and economic changes. (WPD 10/22, corrected 10/23)

Buddhist Peace Delegation

Oct. 10: A delegation headed by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita left for Seoul to attend the Oct. 12-15 First Peace Conference of leading Buddhists in North-East Asian Countries, at the invitation of the Korean Buddhist Association. Other members are Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanabhivamsa, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Kyaw Aye, and Director U Kyauk Tin and Additional Director U Thein Aung of the Religious Affairs Department. (WPD 10/11) // Oct. 16: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/17)

Delegations Return

[Return of Delegations that departed in previous months.]

Oct. 2: The officials led by U Tin Gyi returned from studying paper industries in the Netherlands. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 4: Deputy Minister for Education Col. Kyi Maung and his

delegation returned from the 43rd Session of the International Conference on Education, held in Geneva under UNESCO auspices from Sept. 14-19; after the conference, he visited Britain. His companion, Rector U Han Tin of the Institute of Education, returned Oct. 3. (WPD 10/5) // Oct. 5: While abroad, the Deputy Minister and his delegation held discussions with UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor from Sept. 21-24. The Director-General "expressed his joy for Myanmar's active cooperation in educational activities and offered to send experts from UNESCO to co-operate with Myanmar in projects on development of education." The Deputy Minister discussed cultural exchange with Rector of the Oriental Studies and Cultural Institute Professor of Myanmar Language (Retired) Mme. D Bernof." At the Open University in London and Cambridge University from Sept. 24-30, the Deputy Minister met Dr. Robert Taylor and Dr. Elwyn Thomas of London University, and "received offers from Dr Robert Taylor for co-operation between London University and Yangon University." Similarly, co-operation between the Yangon Institute of Education and London University was discussed with Dr. Elwyn Thomas. They also met with Managing Director Dr. Tony Dodds, Director of International Extension, to discuss distance education and teachers training. (WPD 10/6)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

Oct. 7: U Kyaw Khaing, Director, to be Director-General, Department of Road Transport Administration, Ministry of Rail Transportation. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 14: Col. San Lwin (BC/10616) to be Director-General, Department for the Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Ministry of Religious Affairs. (WPD 10/15)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Oct. 7: U Kyaw Hlaing as Director-General, Budget Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 21: U Min Aung, Director-General, Factories and General Labour Laws Inspectorate, Ministry of Labour.

U Saw Oo as Director-General, Office of the Central Trade Disputes Committee, Ministry of Labour.

U Chit Than as Chairman, Social Security Board, Ministry of Labour.

U Maung Maung Ohn as Director-General, Office of the Central Inland Freight Handling Committee, Ministry of Labour. (WPD 10/22)

GOVERNMENT

Township Zones Renamed

Oct. 7: Ministry of Home Affairs' Notification of Oct. 7 provides that Township Zones shall hereafter be termed Districts. (WPD 10/8)

United Nations Day Message

Oct. 24: SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe issued a UN Day Message, which was read at ceremonies attended by Government officials, foreign diplomats, and UN Agency representatives in Thabin Hall, Pyithu Hluttaw Building, by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw [full text]:

Message from General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, on the occasion of the Forty-Seventh Anniversary of the United Nations Day

As we commemorate today the forty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the United Nations we are once again reminded of the fact

that there is no substitute for the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security and for the well-being of mankind. It is an opportune moment to reaffirm our commitments towards realizing the noble objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

The role of the United Nations has recently been greatly enhanced in the maintenance of global peace and security and in tackling diverse problems of political, economic, social and ecological nature. The end of the Cold War has created new opportunities to strengthen the mutual co-operation among nations to address many issues facing mankind. It is, therefore, imperative for the international community to look for a new consensus to issues that are besetting us.

The decades of the Cold War had imposed the pre-eminence of political over economic consideration. We should seize the new opportunity to resolve global economic problems with strengthened international co-operation. An international climate supportive of growth and development must be created by all countries, developed and developing. Ethnic rivalries and arms conflicts, natural or man-made disasters and poverty that have confronted millions of people in many parts of the world today still remain, manifesting the fragility of peace and stability of our times. We must continue to strive to resolve the lingering problems of the past. The United Nations is the only institution capable of comprehensively addressing global problems in their political, humanitarian and socio-economic dimensions.

In the realization of international peace and security the United Nations must ensure strict adherence to the principles of the Charter and respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States. Its actions and decisions must reflect the collective will of all Member States and not the narrow interests of a nation or a group of nations.

The Secretary-General in addressing the First Summit Meeting of the Security Council in January of this year stated that, "With all the convulsions in global society, only one power is left that can impose order on incipient chaos: it is the power of principles transcending changing perceptions of expediency."

Let us today rededicate ourselves to the principles of peace, justice, equality and friendly co-operation, which are so nobly embodied in the Charter of the United Nations for creating a new United Nations for a new international era.

Yangon,

24 October 1993

(WPD 10/25)

Independence Day Committee

Oct. 29: Government Notification No. 52/92 of Oct. 29, Formation of the 1993, 45th Anniversary Independence Day Celebrations Central Committee, reads:

"The 1993, 45th Anniversary Independence Day Celebrations Central Committee has been formed in accordance with the national objectives--for the entire mass of the national people to make constant efforts in unity and cohesion to protect and preserve the perpetuity of the State's independence and sovereignty; for all citizens to make efforts in writing and adopting a firm constitution; and for keeping patriotism alive and dynamic--for holding the 45th Anniversary of the Independence Day ceremony throughout the Union of Myanmar-- with the following persons:--

[Chairman: SLORC Secretary-1

Vice-Chairmen: SLORC Secretary-2 and Commander, Yangon Command HQ

Members: 19, identified by title

Secretary: Director-General, Government Office.]

(WPD 10/30)

National Drug Law

Oct. 30: SLORC Law No. 7/92, the National Drug Law, reads as follows [full text]:

Chapter I

Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the National Drug Law.

2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:ÄÄ

(a) Board of Authority means the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority formed under this Law;

(b) Drug means a substance for use, whether internal or external in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease, birth-control or for any beneficial effect in human beings and animals. This expression also includes a substance determined to be a drug by the relevant Ministry by notification from time to time;

(c) Essential Drug means a drug which is determined by the Board of Authority and which is essential for the health care of the majority of the people;

(d) Fake Drug means the following:ÄÄ

(i) a drug the whole or part of the label of which is an imitation or resemblance by various means or is written similarly;

(ii) a drug in respect of which the expiration date or manufacturer or distributor or place of manufacture or country of manufacture is fraudulently shown;

(iii) a drug in respect of which it is fraudulently shown that it is manufactured according to the formula mentioned at the time of registration of the drug;

(e) Drug Differing from Standards means a drug which is not in conformity with the specifications of a relevant drug or a drug which is lower or higher than the minimum or maximum standards prescribed by the Board of Authority in respect to the standard of drugs;

(f) Drug Specification means a statement of complete specifications relating to such drug or complete specifications mentioned in the pharmacopoeias recognized by the Board of Authority;

(g) Deteriorated Drug means a drug the expiration date of which has been reached or is past or a drug which has so denatured in any manner that it has become a drug differing from standards;

(h) Adulterated Drug means a drug which contains wholly or partly, a deteriorated drug, other drugs or substances;

(i) Expiration Date means the date mentioned on the label of a drug to indicate that such drug no longer possesses the claimed efficacy, safety and quality;

(j) Label means the indication in manuscript or printed, which is displayed on the container, bottle, pack, outer package or any packing material in which the drug is contained;

(k) Labelling means the act of displaying labels on the container, bottle, pack, outer package or any packing material in which the drug is contained;

(l) Pharmaceutical Raw Material means the substance to be used in the manufacture of a drug and which is determined by the Board of Authority;

(m) Drug Registration means the registration of the drug with the Board of Authority for the purpose of manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of the drug;

(n) Licence means a permit granted for the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of pharmaceutical raw material or drug;

(o) Drug Manufacture means the operations to be carried out in the manufacture of a drug. This expression also includes the performance of all operations carried out in processes commencing from the pharmaceutical raw material or performance of any stage of those processes. However, it does not include compounding of drugs according to medical practitioner's or dentist's or veterinarian's prescription for the relevant patient at a hospital, dispensary and drug retail shops;

(p) Sale of Drug means an offer, agreement, attempt, exhibition, storage, possession, distribution and sale for the

purpose of selling the drug;

(q) Storage of Drug means systematic storage to preserve the efficacy of the drug;

(r) Quality Assurance means the warranty of the whole process including obtaining of pharmaceutical raw material, manufacture of the drug, packing, storage, distribution and sale, with the object of enabling every consumer of the drug to use genuine quality, safe and effective drug;

(s) Advertising means carrying out measures in a direct or indirect manner to inform the public in order to promote distribution and sale of the drug;

(t) Primary Laboratory means a laboratory prescribed by the Board of Authority by notification to analyse samples of the drug;

(u) Appellate Laboratory means a laboratory specified by the Board of Authority in order that a final and conclusive decision may be made in respect of analysis of drugs after re-analysis of samples, when a problem arises in respect of analysis remarks of drugs from primary laboratories or when either party is dissatisfied and files an appeal.

Chapter II

Aims

3. The Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority is formed with the following aims:--

(a) to enable the public to use genuine quality, safe and effective drugs;

(b) to register drugs systematically;

(c) to enable the public to consume genuine quality and safe food;

(d) to control and regulate systematically manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of food and drugs.

Chapter III

Formation of the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority

4. The Government shall form the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority consisting of the following persons:--

(a) Minister, Ministry of Health--Chairman

(b) Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health--Vice-Chairman

(c) Director-General, Department of Health--Member

(d) Director of Medical Services--Ministry of Defence--Member

(e) Director-General, General Administrative Department, Ministry of Home Affairs--Member

(f) Director-General, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries--Member

(g) Managing Director, Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading, Ministry of Trade--Member

(h) Managing Director, Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of No 1 Industry--Member

(i) Managing Director, Myanma Agricultural Service, Ministry of Agriculture--Member

(j) Managing Director, Myanma Food Industries, Ministry of No 1 Industry--Member

(k) An expert each relating to the following subjects:--Member

(1) Medicine

(2) Pharmacology

(3) Pharmacy

(4) Veterinary Science

(5) Chemistry

(6) Pharmaceutical Industry

(l) A person assigned responsibility by the Chairman--Secretary

Chapter IV

Formation and Duties

5. The functions and duties of the Board of Authority are as follows:--

(a) laying down the policy relating to registration of drugs;

- (b) laying down the policy relating to determination of an essential drug;
 - (c) laying down the policy relating to the utilization of drugs;
 - (d) determining the qualifications of persons entitled to apply for licence and the terms and conditions thereof for the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug;
 - (e) stipulating terms and conditions for the manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug;
 - (f) determining good practices for assurance of quality in respect of manufacture, clinical tests and laboratory analyses of the pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug and all matters relating to drugs;
 - (g) permitting, refusing, temporary revocation and cancellation of registration of drug;
 - (h) granting, refusing, temporary revocation and cancellation of a licence;
 - (i) stipulating terms and conditions relating to labelling of drugs, and advertising;
 - (j) determining and cancelling any type of substance as a drug;
 - (k) forming committees in respect of matters relating to expertise and determining the functions and duties of such committees;
 - (l) forming Food and Drug Supervisory Committees in the States, Divisions, Districts and Townships in order to supervise matters relating to food and drug; determining the functions and duties of such committees;
 - (m) prescribing primary laboratories and appellate laboratories;
 - (n) stipulating terms and conditions relating to food.
6. The Board of Authority may delegate any organization or person to carry out its functions and duties.

Chapter V Registration

7. A person desirous of manufacturing, importing, exporting, storing, distributing and selling pharmaceutical raw material or drug shall register the relevant drug with the Board of Authority in the prescribed manner.

Chapter VI Application for Licence

8. A person desirous of manufacturing, storing, distributing and selling pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug shall apply for a license in the prescribed manner.

Chapter VII Quality Assurance

9. A person who has been granted the right to manufacture, import, export, store, distribute or sell pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug shall abide strictly by the order, directive and conditions issued by the Board of Authority in respect of quality assurance of the drug.

Chapter VIII Labelling and Advertising

10. A person who has been granted registration of the drug or who has obtained a licence shall abide strictly by the order, directive and conditions issued by the Board of Authority in respect of labelling and advertising.

Chapter IX Temporary Revocation or Cancellation of Licence

11. If a person who has obtained a licence or is considered to

have violated any order, directive or condition issued under this Law in respect of the manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of pharmaceutical raw material or registered drug, the Board of the Authority or the organization which has been delegated for such purpose may revoke temporarily or cancel the license subject of a time limit.

12. A person whose licence has been cancelled may hand over or sell drugs in his possession to another person who has obtained a licence, within 30 days with the approval of the Board of Authority or the relevant organization.

Chapter X

Appeal

13. A person dissatisfied with a decision made by the organization or person delegated by the Board of Authority, in respect of the refusal to grant a licence, temporary revocation or cancellation of the licence may file an appeal to the Board of Authority within 60 days from the date of such decision.

14. The decision made by the Board of Authority shall be final and conclusive.

Chapter XI

Prohibition

15. (a) No one shall manufacture, import, export, store, distribute or sell the following drug:

- (i) a drug which has not been registered;
- (ii) a drug whose registration has been revoked temporarily or cancelled;
- (iii) fake drug, drug differing from standards, deteriorated drug, adulterated drug;
- (iv) a drug which has been manufactured with harmful substances;
- (v) a dangerous drug which is determined as not fit for utilization by the Ministry of Health by notification.

(b) No one shall import or export a registered drug without permission under any existing law.

16. No one shall manufacture, store, distribute or sell a pharmaceutical raw material or drug without a licence.

17. A person who has obtained a licence

- (a) shall not fail to abide by any condition of the licence;
- (b) shall not fail to abide by any orders and directives issued by the Ministry of Health or by the Board of Authority under this Law.

Chapter XII

Offences and Penalties

18. Whoever violates any provision of section 15 shall, on conviction be punished with fine which may extend from a minimum of kyats 5000 to a maximum of kyats 50,000 or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years or with both. In addition, the exhibits involved in the offence shall also be liable to be confiscated.

19. Whoever violates any provision of section 16 shall, on conviction

(a) if it is an offence relating to an unregistered drug, be punished with fine which may extend from a minimum of kyats 5000 to a maximum of kyats 50,000 or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years or with both;

(b) if it an offence relating to a registered drug, be punished with fine which may extend from a minimum of kyats 1000 to a maximum of kyats 10,000 or with imprisonment which may extend to 2 years or with both;

(c) the exhibits involved in the offence shall also be liable to be confiscated.

20. A person who has obtained a licence and who violates any provision of section 17 shall on conviction be punished with fine

which may extend from a minimum of kyats 500 to a maximum of kyats 5000 or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 1 year or with both.

Chapter XIII
Miscellaneous

21. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Union of Myanmar Public Health Law, 1972, the provisions of this Law shall be complied with in cases relating to drugs, with the exception of traditional drugs.

22. The Ministry of Health may exempt any Government department or organization from compliance with any provision of this Law.

23. The provisions of this Law shall not apply to drugs brought personally from abroad for personal use.

24. The Government department or organization which is authorized to grant permission to import or to export may grant permission for import or export only of drugs registered under this Law.

25. Persons engaged in drug business on the day the Law is enacted shall carry out registration and obtaining licence within the period prescribed by the Board of Authority.

26. In instituting legal proceedings under this Law, prior sanction of the Ministry of Health or the organization or person delegated with powers for this purpose shall be obtained.

27. When a drug which has been imported or exported without any permission under any existing law is seized by the relevant Government department or organization, it shall be handed over or disposed of in the manner prescribed by the Board of Authority.

28. (a) The expenditures of the Board of Authority shall be borne by the Ministry of Health.

(b) The Ministry of Health shall employ the staff required for performance of the office work of the Board of Authority.

29. In order to administer all food and drug matters, the Ministry of Health shall form the Food and Drug Administration Department and determine the functions and duties thereof.

30. The Ministry of Health shall assign responsibility as Drug Inspectors to the staff subordinate to it, in order to carry out inspection of the drugs. In addition, it may also assign responsibility as Drug Inspectors to suitable staff, in co-ordination with other Ministries.

31. The orders and directives issued under the Union of Myanmar Public Health Law, 1972 may continue to be applicable in so far as they are not inconsistent with this law.

32. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law

(a) the Ministry of Health may issue rules and procedures as may be necessary, with the approval of the Government;

(b) the Ministry of Health and the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority may issue orders and directives as may be necessary.

(Sd.) Than Shwe
General
Chairman

The State Law and Order Restoration Council

(WPD 10/31)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

Oct. 14: KNU terrorists on Oct. 10 fired on the motorized vessel Aung Myo Thu near Thazin village in Myeik Twp. [Tanintharyi], killing one passenger and wounding a novice. (WPD 10/15)

Insurgents Surrender

Oct. 14: Between Sept. 1-15, 15 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 15: Four KNU "terrorist insurgents" returned to the legal

fold at Myeik, with their arms, on Oct. 2 [names and details]. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 20: Between Sept. 16-19, 20 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 22: Between Sept. 20-29, 20 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. Altogether 55 terrorists surrendered during the month of September. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 29: Absconder Ye Myint (a) Ye Thurein, who had absconded to Hlaingkhū Camp on the Indian border after the 1988 disturbances, "returned to Myanmar Naing-Ngan and gave himself up." In 1988 he was said to have participated in Mandalay demonstrations, and supported U Nu's League for Democracy and Peace. He and a friend Min Kyaw went underground and arrived in India, via Tamu, on Jan. 17, 1989. They went to the Hlaingkhū Camp and joined the BDGF, but in Nov. 1990 he went to New Delhi where he was first housed by and later given a 1,000 rupee monthly rental allowance by Daw Than Than Nu. In New Delhi he joined the All Burma Students Union (ABSU) and four times demonstrated at the Myanmar Embassy. He got 830 rupees a month from UNHCR [photo of UNDP Refugee Certificate issued to Mr. Ye Thurein in 1991 and renewed in 1992]. "However, he knew it was not possible for him to live for long in another country and besides he wanted to be together with his parents and attend school again and so he returned to the legal fold, it is reported." (WPD 10/30)

Terrorist Camp on Border

Oct. 6: Bangkok papers from Sept. 9 to Oct. 6 reported a terrorist camp growing marijuana and producing heroin just inside the Thai border, north of Kaeng Kracharn in Phetchaburi District. It is run by remnants of the Communist Party of Burma led by Saw Han and called the Democratic Patriotic Army. The group has 400 armed troopers operating in the Dawei and Myeik areas, and recently ambushed a Thai Border Police Patrol unit. (WPD 10/8)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Oct. 5: World Habitat Day (UNIC). [Activities of UNCHS in Myanmar.]

Oct. 16: On NCC Diploma!! by Thein Saw. [The NCC (National Computing Centre Ltd.) International Diploma Course will soon be offered in November by the Institute of Computer Science & Technology; it has long been given in other Southeast Asian countries and elsewhere. 200 students will be accepted; 100 may pay K350 per month; the other 100 will pay US\$50 per month. "The government has spent ø20,000 as initial payment to the NCC Ltd, and will still have to spend some more about ø2,000 plus ø11,000 (ø110 for each student sitting) for the NCC final examination. Students, and parents as well, should be grateful to the government and should realize the 'CETANA' of the government.] [commercial article]

Construction & Other Projects

Oct. 11: A new Dhammayon was inaugurated in Dawbon Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 13: Mandalay Cooperative Stores No. 1 Limited "was formally opened at the Mandalay Town Hall No 2 yesterday morning." It has started business with funds of K10 million. (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 15: Two bridges, one 80 feet long and one 16 feet long, were inaugurated in Myeik [Tanintharyi] on Oct. 11. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 20: A new 150-bed Eye Hospital is being constructed (since Nov. 1986) on Natmauk Road [Yangon], at a cost of K100 million, and will open in November. The four-storey hospital includes 20 special rooms in four main wards. (WPD 10/21)

Transport

Oct. 3: Three modern "upper class" railway coaches, built (for the first time) in Myanmar at Myitnge Locomotive Workshop, were

handed over to the Ministry of Rail Transportation. "The Daewoo Corporation of the Republic of Korea obtained contract and the projects were implemented with the loans of Japan Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund. Under the modern railway development project phase-1 and phase-2, a total of 123 passenger coaches and 207 goods wagons were constructed." (WPD 10/ 4)

Oct. 6: Road transportation between Taunggyi and Kengtung was begun; the passenger fare is K150 per head. (WPD 10/ 7)

Dollars for Private Restaurants

Oct. 3: "License for legal use of foreign currencies will be issued to private restaurants registered with Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Yangon City Development Committee. It is aimed at enabling them to run their services in foreign currencies. Twenty-five per cent of the income will [be] levied by the State and FE accounts can be opened for the remaining 75 per cent. Contacts can be made to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank for details." (WPD 10/4)

Mid-year Gems Emporium

Oct. 1-8: Daily articles on progress of the emporium.

Oct. 8: A total of K52,460,973 (US\$8,900,525) was realized from the sale of jade, gems, pearl, jewellery, and jade figurines. 539 merchants from 34 countries attended the emporium. Sold were: 61 lots of pearls (US\$469,431); 479 pieces of jewellery (\$979,038); 757 jade figurines (\$66,217); seven lots of joint-venture gems (\$38,696); 74 lots of privately owned gems (\$429,844); 19 lots of joint-venture jade (\$756,389); and 67 lots of privately owned jade (\$1,676,927). (WPD 10/9)

Tourists in Border Areas

Oct. 5: Managing Director U Tint Wai Aye of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services crossed from Tachilek (Shan) to Chiengrai (Thailand) on Sept. 28 to meet the Governor of Chiengrai at the Dusit Island Resort Hotel, to explain Myanmar tourist regulations and opportunities. The Governor said that Thai and foreign tourists would begin a Tachilek-Kengtung-Tachilek trip on Oct. 6, with a ceremony at the Tachilek-Meih sai bridge. 12 representatives of Thai travel agencies accompanied U Tint Wai Aye back to Kengtung on Sept. 29, where he hosted a dinner for them. They left Kengtung for Tachilek Oct. 1. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 26: "A co-ordination meeting on permission for tourists to travel in the border areas was held at Kandawgyi Hotel this afternoon," attended by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba and other officials. The Minister "said that arrangements were made to permit tourists to travel via Thai-Myanmar border and China-Myanmar border and visit towns in border areas. This, he said, is arranged to earn foreign exchange. He urged personnel to offer suggestions." (WPD 10/27)

Banking

Oct. 5: During 1992, 8,999 rural banks in 232 townships of 13 States and Divisions disbursed cultivation loans totalling K1,500 million to 1,428,886 peasants. In 1991-93 they disbursed livestock breeding loans totalling K156.4 million and K24 million "for integrated farm for battalions, regiments, cooperative societies and private entrepreneurs" in 26 townships as of Sept. 25. 1989 loans of K1,490.3 million and 1990 loans of K1,384.1 million have been recollected. In 1992 K1,373.6 million has been recollected "except in some flooded townships of Ayeyarwady Division." (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 6: The First Private Bank Ltd was inaugurated; Vice Chairman Dr. Mehm Then San spoke. The bank has 1,300 shareholders with each share worth K10,000; it has received a total of K35 million and will accept more shareholders until it has received K60 million in shares. (WPD 10/7)

Foreign TV Ads Solicited

Oct. 6: Myanma Television and Radio Department, represented by Director-General U Kyi Lwin, signed an agreement with Pine Avenue Trading (Thailand) Co Ltd., represented by Managing Director Mr. Pornprasith Sibrunruang, appointing the latter as its agent for "collecting advertisements from abroad for radio and TV broadcasts." (WPD 10/7)

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Oil and Gas

Oct. 7: Drilling began at Yetagun Test Well No. 1, 100 miles northwest of Myeik [Mergui] in Tanintharyi Division. Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and Premier Oil Co. signed a drilling contract for Plots M13 and M14 on May 3, 1990. (WPD 10/8)

Foreign Business Centre Planned

Oct. 9: A four-storey building will be constructed by Turnkey Contracts & Consultancy Pte Ltd, represented by Mr. Bernard Kwek, at 88, 6 1/2 mile, Pyay Road, in Yangon, which "will be leased to foreign companies and businessmen for payment in foreign exchange." The 70 foot high, 38,000 square foot, building, to be called the Multi-purpose Business Centre, will accommodate 30 to 50 offices. A conference hall will seat 200-300, and there will be a 70 car parking lot. Secretarial services, and telephone, teleprinters, and fax equipment will be installed. The building will be finished in October

1993. (WPD 10/10)

Border Area Development

Oct. 11: Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races Maj-Gen. Maung Thint, and North-East Commander Brig-Gen. Ayae Kyaw "held discussions with national leaders, U Phone Kyar Shin, U Kyauk Nyi Hlaing, U Mahtu Naw, U Aik Mone and U Hsay Htin from Northern Shan State Special Regions on 10 October. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 29: SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, met with Pa-O national leaders U Hkun Tun Yi and U Hkun Weikzar of Special Region 6 in southern Shan State. (WPD 10/30)

Flour Mills Leased to Entrepreneurs

Oct. 14: The Myanmar Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry-1, leased the Dagon Flour Mill in Lanmadaw Twp. [Yangon] to private entrepreneur U Aung Than of Thingangyunn Twp., who won the one-year lease with a bid of K6.11 million. Since Oct 6, three other mills have been leased: the Roller Flour Mill to U Myint Thein for K4.78 million on Oct. 7; the Sagaing Flour Mill to Sagaing Division of Myanmar Agriculture and Farm Produce Wholesale Trading Co-operative No. 1 Ltd. for K12.5 million on Oct. 9; and the Myanmar Flour Mill to U Aung Hla for K5.2 million on Oct. 12. The Myanmar Foodstuff Industries has already realized K28.49 million for these four leases. "With better opportunities at hand a growing number of private entrepreneurs are interested in leasing the mills. Other mills will also be leased through competitive bidding." (WPD 10/15)

Foreign Currency Passbooks

Oct. 19: Foreign currency passbooks will be issued to those who have opened foreign currency accounts at the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank. They will be colored green for companies, blue for diplomats and foreigners, and brown for private individuals. Applicants must present two photographs. Passbooks for companies and foreigners will be issued from Nov. 2, and for individuals from Dec. 1. [photo of passbook] (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 30: Passbooks for individuals will be issued from Nov. 20, instead of Dec. 1 as previously announced. Fees will be US\$50 for firms and companies, US\$30 for embassies, diplomats, international organizations and foreigners, and US\$20 for private individuals. (WPD 10/31)

Forestry

Oct. 20: Addressing the bi-annual work coordination meeting between the Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe "said that whatever the case might be efforts must be made to fulfil the targets. He said that in striving thus care must be taken not to exceed the Annual Allowable Cut (ACC) so as to avoid depletion of forests. Thus, he said, although calculations were made as near as possible, other loopholes must be taken into consideration in reappraisal and recalculating in order to get the right result.

"He disclosed that at present various environmental protection groups all over the world and some big nations were criticizing a great deal the forest conservation work of developing countries, including this country.... Those who knew the true situation of the country were found to write the truth about the country....

"He told those serving at the border areas to present and report on the real situation and to expose and take action against those who are engaged in malpractices. He said that forest conservation work should be carried out in border areas in order to protect the future of the national races in the regions....

"The Minister also elaborated on matters relating to increasing the protected area from 1 per cent to 5 per cent, preservation of wildlife on more extensive scale, establishment of forest plantations and raising of village firewood plantations in less fertile

areas...." (WPD 10/21)

Housing

Oct. 22: The Bahosi Civil Housing Project in Bahosi Ward, Lanmadaw Twp. [Yangon] is nearly complete. SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo discussed "arrangments for resettlement of owners of former houses in the ward." He said that "under the project, former tenants had been settled in new towns and house owners would be resettled in new flats." The project, for 10 buildings with 24 flats each, was begun in Dec. 1991 by Myanma Myay construction service and is now 99 percent complete. Each flat is 560 square feet, and "facilities have been provided for throwing garbage." Included are 20- and 40-foot wide driveways, a Dhammayon, a welfare clinic, a Ward LORC office building, a day nursery, a consumers co-operative shop, and a 50x100 foot swimming pool. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 28: Editorial: City development projects. ["Completion of the {Bahosi} project means more living space for city dwellers and emergence of a standard residential community suited to the city. What is more convenient than the substitution of old structures with new ones in the city is planning for the development of new towns on the outskirts of the city. With the extension of housing plots and industrial zones, construction activities in Dagon Myothit, a new town, are gaining momentum. It is proof of how far-reaching effects can be achieved by the systematic utilization of land space. Although service personnel are mainly settled in the new town, private businessmen have also been settled there for bringing economic life to it. What is remarkable is the construction of standard buildings in the new town including a sports ground of international level, Yangon Railway Station, Myanma Department Store, a hotel of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services near Yangon-Thanyin Bridge and a university...."]

Power Interruptions

Oct. 23: The power supply in Mandalay Division and Shan State will be suspended for about 12 hours, beginning Oct. 25 at 6:00 am, "as there are some rearrangements of the main power lines." Strategic places in Mandalay will be supplied by the Hsedawgyi Power Plant. (WPD 10/24)

Tin Mining Contract

Oct. 29: A production sharing agreement for tin mining in Namhkam Twp. [Shan] was signed on Oct. 22 in Namkham between No. 2 Mining Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Tin Win, and the Shweli Mining Corp. of China, represented by Managing Director Mr. Yang Chung Kyi. (WPD 10/30)

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:				
October	1	70.87	82.76	86.34
October	15	74.33	86.65	88.31
October	30	80.59	95.39	95.71

HEALTH

AIDS

Oct. 2: A seminar on economic and social problems of AIDS will be held in Yangon from Oct. 8-10, attended by 12 representatives from

Asia and the Pacific Region. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 4: Dr. Ko Ko, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia arrived to attend an Oct. 8-10 seminar on the prevention of AIDS. (WPD 10/5) // Oct. 5: He called on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt to discuss AIDS. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 6: President John Michael Dwyer of the AIDS Society for Asia and the Pacific called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein to discuss AIDS education and prevention programs. Also present were Deputy Director Dr. Dorothy Blake of the WHO Global Programme on AIDS, team leader Dr. J.P. Narain of the Programme, WHO/SEARO, Regional AIDS Programme Officer Ms. Susan Morita from UNDP New Delhi, and Economist Dr. Myo Thant of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. \\ Mr. Dwyer and his group also called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, and on Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. (WPD 10/ 7)

Oct. 8: The Advocacy Meeting on Socio-Economic Implications of HIV/AIDS opened at the Department of Medical Research, and was addressed by Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt. (WPD 10/9) // Oct. 10: The following recommendations were adopted by the meeting's five discussion groups:

- the need to involve all sectors of society in a multi-sectoral approach to combatting AIDS;
- the need to mobilize resource from the government, non-government organizations and the private sector in order to fully implement an effective HIV prevention and support program;
- the need to use prevention as the most effective weapon in any AIDS programme including information, education and targeted interventions to achieve behaviour change; and
- the need to create a supportive atmosphere which will enable people living with HIV and AIDS to remain productive members of the community and to live in dignity. (WPD 10/11)

Health Articles

Oct. 23: For better health of the people, by An Observer. [Government health expenditures have increased in four years from K464 million to K1,810 million. By 1991-92 there were 711 hospitals, 27,470 beds, 315 dispensaries, 1,484 rural health centres, 358 maternal and child welfare centres, 89 primary and secondary centres, 85 school health teams, 12,243 doctors, 1,029 dental surgeons, 1,386 health assistants, 122 dental nurses, 565 health supervisors (1), 1,743 lady health visitors, 8,811 nurses, 9,027 midwives, and 1,562 health supervisors (2). In primary health care and basic health services, there were also 36,358 community health workers, 17,856 auxiliary midwives, and 15,954 trained traditional birth attendants. Service in "native medicine" was provided by 2 hospitals with 41 beds and 29 practitioners, and 146 dispensaries with 332 practitioners. In the co-operative sector there were 554 dispensaries, with 939 doctors, 554 nurses, 65 compounders, 38 lab technicians, 33 indigenous medical practitioners, and 39 midwives. In environmental health work, 191 tube wells were drilled in township and station hospitals, and 233 at rural health centres and schools, 524 rainwater containers were built at primary schools, 255 pipe connections were made at township and station hospitals and 278 at rural dispensaries and schools, and 1,536 latrines were built in rural and suburban communities and 3,320 in schools. In three years, 120,000 people were examined for AIDS in 41 townships.]

Malaria

Oct. 3: Speaking at the Insein Malaria Control Unit, SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Health Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt, said that "infection of malaria has spread from border and some other areas to towns and the public have not fully realized the magnitude of the threat of the disease." He called on officials "to eradicate the disease on same priority as AIDS. In treatment, he said, long-term aims should be set to be able to produce medicines locally." (WPD 10/4)

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Oct. 4: Back to Basics, by Ivan King. [Improvement of Myanmar athletics needs to start at the beginning.]

Oct. 29: The Fourth Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival: State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman's Bowl, by Soe Win Nyunt. [Inception and development of the Festivals, first held in 1989.]

Oct. 30: Memories are made of this, by Ivan King. [Myanmar sports heroes of the past.]

CULTURAL

Literary and Cultural Articles

[Sunday Literary Supplements for Oct. 4, 11, and 25 not received.]

Oct. 6,21: Visit to Myanmar Traditional Folk Art Exhibition, by U Min Naing, Tekkatho Hla Kywe. [(1) "Myanmar traditional bullock cart." (2) "National Dresses."]

Oct. 7: Mariners of the lords of the sunrise, by Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein. [An old text on the Royal Myanmar Navy.]

Oct. 8: The Present situation of the Theravada Buddha Sasana in the Union of Burma, by Ba Sein (Religious Affairs) [History of Buddhism in modern Myanmar. "There are altogether 143152 members of Bhikkus and 164077 Samaneras in the Union of Myanmar."]

Oct. 12: Culture and Unity, by Hmway Thinn. [Traditional culture reflects Myanmar unity. "The overall feeling this [Folk Art] exhibition gives is that one wants to yell out, 'Hurrah! Myanmar!']

Oct. 18: Poems (in English and Burmese). [(3) "The sea will never dry," by Myinmu Maung Naing Moe.]

Oct. 18: Impressions by Min Kyaw Min. [Cont. (3) "Rhymes with a reason."]

Oct. 18: Ah Yaing Sabai with a nationalist aroma, by Maung Hsu Shin. [Writer Aung Lin, author of 1960 prize-winning novel Ah Yaing Sabai.]

Oct. 18: Novel into film Ta Moe Ta Mye, by Director Myint Maung. [Myint Maung wrote the 1961 novel and the screenplay and directed the 1962 movie.]

Oct. 18: Research paper on Translated Literature: Myanmar to English translations of Non-fiction, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Early English-language translations of Burmese Buddhist books; beginning of paper presented by a Myanmar delegation touring China in June-July 1992.]

Oct. 25: Improvements in education sector, by An Observer. [In four years, government expenditures on education have risen from K1,289 million to K4,673 million in 1991-92. In that year there were {data tabulated}:

	Teachers	Students
3 Universities	3,410	91,329
6 degree college	668	25,100
11 colleges	658	19,428
3 Inst. of Medicine	651	3,266
1 Inst. of Dental Medicine	59	335
1 Inst. of Paramedical Science		21 85
1 Inst. of Nursing		48 349
1 Inst. of Anim.Husb.& Vet.Sc.		55 978
1 Inst. of Economics		243 6,265
1 Inst. of Technology	214	5,913
1 Inst. of Agriculture	99	1,874
1 Inst. of Education	110	1.463
1 Univ. Correspondence Course		101,715
1 Inst. of Foreign Languages	47	724
1 Univ. of Computer Science	24	238
1 Univ. of Dev. of Nat. Races	93	1,086
Primary schools	36,499	

Middle schools	2,062	
High schools	858	
Teacher Train. Schools	14	
Teacher Train. Insts.	4	
Technol. High schools	14	
Gov't Tech. Insts.		11
Agric. High schools	9	
Agric. Institutes	7	
Indust., Tr., Vocat. Sch.		37
Engineer. Even. Classes	7	
Indig. Medicine Inst.	1	
Primary Health Serv. In.		1
Nursing schools	23	

New schools and institutions continue to be opened.]

Folk Art Exhibition

Daily articles continued to record the attendance (generally 2-3000) at the ongoing Myanmar Traditional Folk Art Exhibition.

Monastic Education

Oct. 4: Speaking to Yangon Buddhist officials, Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that "The essence of monastic education is to revitalize an education system that existed throughout the successive periods and had waned. It is necessary to promote monastic education if all from the different strata, rich or poor alike, are to be educated equally." He added that with an increase in the number of students at monasteries there would be "correct methods of teaching." (WPD 10/5)

Relics

Oct. 7: Three antiques of the Hanthawady period (16th century) found in Nandawyar Ward, Bago, were donated to the Myanmar Folk Art Exhibition. They are a Hintha mythological bird, and two Toe-nayar figurines; each weighs 2.35 viss and is made of mixed metals. They were found by a two-year-old child playing in a vacant lot. (WPD 10/8)

Dagon Myothit University

Oct. 25: SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt "called on the departmental officials to prepare for teaching and transportation as the Dagon Myothit University Construction Project would be completed as targeted and the university would be open in August next year." (WPD 10/26)

SLORC Literary Prizes

Oct. 26: Myawady Limited announced the winners in the Third Literary and Photo Contests on the themes portraying Nationalist Slogans of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. First prize winners were: Min Chan Mon for Wira-hnet-yesarmyethnar (novel); Thuthein for Phu-pwint-khaye (short story); Gon Lin Kyaw for Keingan-an-myarga-pyawthaw Myanmar-thatti Myanmar-seikdat Myanmar-ahman (feature); Min Chit Mon for Pinlon-myay-hma yay-si-than (poem); Ma Kyar Ngon San (middle school essay); Ma Nilar Tun (high school essay); Ma Yu Yu Aung (university essay); Shwe Inntha Khin Maung Win (black & white photo); and Kyaw Aung (Paukkhaung) (colour photo). (WPD 10/27)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Oct. 3: The Forest Department recently seized 440 teak logs (300 tons) and 715 hardwood logs (500 tons), worth K4.5 million, from thieves in Htigyaik and Katha Twps. [Sagaing]. In Wuntho Twp., 4,613 logs (7588 tons) worth K15.9 million were seized, along with five elephants, along the Sagaing-Myitkyina road. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 21: Two suspects were caught, who are believed to have

burglarized two houses in Thingangyunn Twp. [Yangon] were arrested starting Sept. 20; property worth K278,000 was recovered. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 30: Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe went to Taikkyi Twp. [Yangon] to inspect 1,981 teak logs (423 tons) illegally extracted in the Okkan Reserved Forest Area and along Okkan creek between July 11-30 this year. (WPD 10/31)

Court News

Oct. 7: The Yangon Division Court on Oct. 5 sentenced a man to five years imprisonment for possession of 2.3 grams of dried opium; there was no evidence that he was dealing in drugs. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 16: The Supreme Court on Aug. 25 upheld the sentencing of two men to 2-10 days imprisonment and K500 fine for attempting to bribe a policeman with K1000; the government had sought a stiffer sentence. The Supreme Court noted that the two men had lost their jobs and "may be assumed to be repentant for their wrongdoing." The punishment cannot be considered so lenient as to be unjust, since "sentences should be oriented towards educative reformation."

Oct. 21: In Yangon from Oct. 1-21, 294 cars have been fined K350 each for parking on pavements, 10 unregistered slow-moving vehicles and 316 violating traffic rules were fined K250 each, and 628 "undisciplined pedestrians" were fined K150 each. Seven squads made "surprise checks" on vehicles and pedestrians. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 26: The Yangon Divisional Court on Oct. 12 sentenced a man to 10 years imprisonment and K50,000 fine as a drug trafficker and unregistered addict; 3.4 grammes of heroin was seized from him. Another man arrested with him was acquitted. (WPD 10/27)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Oct. 7: Army, police, and other forces between Aug. 12 and 25 destroyed 1,883 "plants used in producing drugs" at West and East Tharaphon villages in Tanintharyi Twp. Police seized 150 bottles of phensedyl in Falam Twp. [Chin] on Sept. 7. Mindon police on Sept. 12 seized 4 kilos of marijuana on the Pathein-Monywa Road. The Mandalay anti-drug squad and Ohnchaw police on Sept. 19 seized 0.5 kilo of heroin from a Lashio resident; the same day they seized 0.24 kilo of heroin. Namtu police on Sept. 20 seized 13.1 kilos of raw opium from a vehicle leaving for Mandalay. The Yangon anti-drug squad on Sept. 23 seized 11.8 grammes of heroin in Tarmwaygyi. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 21: During September, the Tatmadaw, police, and customs seized 175.3 kilos of opium (in 75 cases), 3.4 kilos of opium oil (3 cases), 0.5 kilo of liquid opium and 17.3 kilos of morphine base, 61.0 kilos of heroin (168 cases), 18.1 kilos of marijuana (26 cases), 270.3 litres of phensedyl (30 cases), and took action against 183 cases of failure to register for treatment and 12 other drug-related cases. Legal action has been taken against 627 persons in 497 cases. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 25: DSI and police on Oct. 10 seized 0.1 kilo of heroin, 103 explosives, 18 packets of gunpowder, a 30-ft. fuse, and 180 detonators from U Huan Chan Yeh in Tarmoenei village, Kutkai Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 10/26)

Obituaries

[English language obituaries only; there are obituaries in Burmese as well. Occasional memorial articles are also included.]

July 3: U Ba Maung, (a) Myanmar Orchestra Sayagyi Alinga Kyawswa, husband of the late Daw Kyin Oo, famous drummer, died, aged 97. [article] (WPD 10/14)

Aug. 5: Writer Marlar (a) Daw Sein Yin, born May 1914, died in Mandalay. [article] (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 7: Saw Myo Htut Shwe Ni (Htoo Htoo), son of Saw Henderson Shwe Ni and Naw Patricia Po, died, aged 21. [Christian] (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 8: U Wilson Thein, Retd. Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Customs, husband of the late Daw Maisie Thein, died in Yangon, aged 80. [Christian] (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 11: Naw Thein Shwe, widow of Saw Ah Maung, died in Insein,

aged 83. [Christian] (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 14: Daw Khin Ma Ma (Myrtle), of Pyin-Oo-Lwin [Maymyo], wife of U Ba Hpyu (B.T. Brothers), died in Canberra, Australia, aged 62. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 18: Dr. S.K. Chowdhury, husband of Mrs. Arati Chowthury, died in Yangon, aged 72. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 19: Camille Violet Goolamier (Teacher Sweetie), died in Patheingyi, aged 80. [Catholic] (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 21: Mr. R. Krishna, husband of Mrs. Sarawathi, died in Yangon, aged 74. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 23: Mrs. Marie Williams (a) Daw Marie, widow of Mr. K Williams, died in Yangon, aged 81. [Christian] (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 23: Daw Thein Wa (Milly), mother of U Ko Ko Lay (Working People's Daily)..., died in Yangon, aged 81. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 27: Daw Chaw Sein, widow of U Po Ni, died in Yangon, aged 80. [Christian] (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 28: U Ee Maw, husband of Daw Kyu Kyu, died in Yangon, aged 89. (WPD 10/30)

Marriage

July 9: Ma Khin Thida Maung Maung, B.Econ (State), H.G.P., D.A., LC. (London), Waseda Language Institute, Tokyo, Japan, only daughter of the late U Maung Maung (Myanma Foreign Trade Bank) and the late Daw Khin Khin Than, was married at the Myanmar Embassy in Japan to Maung Thein Htut, A.G.T.I. (Civil), Shiko Gakuen, Tokyo, Japan, son of U Sein Hlaing (Film Today) and Daw Nyein Aye. (WPD 10/17)

Ferryboat Collision

Oct. 3: Two Yangon-Khanaungto ferries collided Sept. 27, and one nearly sank. There were no injuries. (WPD 10/4)

Fire

Oct. 4: Magway officials visited the fire-ravaged area in Myoma Ward in Yenangyoung. (WPD 10/5)

Engagement

Oct. 17: Maung Thi Ha Ko Ko (B.A. History) (Hons:) (M.A. Thesis), son of U Chit Ko Ko and Daw Khin Win Yee, became engaged to Ma Ohn Ohn Sein (B.sc. Physics), daughter of U Sein Paw Thu and Daw Tin Htoo. (WPD 10/18)

Earthquake

Oct. 28: An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.4 Richter) occurred at 13:33:48 local time, with epicentre about 30 miles SE of Toungoo. It was also felt at Toungoo, Pyinmana, Bago, Mandalay, and Phyu. (WPD 10/29)

Castaways Returned

Oct. 29: 12 Myanmar seamen who drifted to India after their fishing boats were wrecked were returned by air from Calcutta. (WPD 10/30)

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