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HIGHLIGHTS

ÄÄ Some Expatriates may resume Myanmar citizenship during next twelve months [GOVERNMENT]

ÄÄ Expired or Suspended Passports may be renewed by Myanmar citizens abroad during next twelve months [GOVERNMENT]

ÄÄ Investments by former Myanmar welcomed [ECONOMIC: Economic Articles]

ÄÄ Cremation of the Bago Myoma Sayadawgyi Bhaddanta Indacara, long-time Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee [MISCELLANEOUS]

POLITICAL CRISIS

Slogans

Regular Slogans: See January 1993 issue.

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

May 1: Arati papa, to abstain from evil; this is the way to auspiciousness.

May 2-15: Virati papa, to abstain from evil; this is the way to auspiciousness.

May 16-31: Majjapana ca samyamo, to restrain from intoxicating drinks; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Cartoons

May 2: First Myanmar: "Would you mind telling me how you became a chess champion?" Second Myanmar: "Yes... I've been practising it during office hours."

May 4: Wife calling out to passing hawker, while husband sleeps: "Ragman, why don't you buy lazybones?"

May 8: First Myanmar (looking at a crowd): "I think kerosene is being sold here." Second Myanmar: "Oh no. They are queueing up for train tickets!"

May 10: Son to "Mr. Pump filling station": "Father, your filling station's pump allows me to count up till 9 only."

May 10: Employee of "Service enterprise," quakes, when asked by customer: "Can you serve to get rail ticket and air ticket easily and in good time?"

May 11: Market woman looking at hippy with wad of money: "That's not a video actor my dear...that's a market toll-collector."

May 11: First Myanmar: "I couldn't make any movies. Because I could not get any film!" Second Myanmar: "And we in rural hospitals. Can't have any X-rays taken for want of X-ray film!"

May 12: Client to "Fortune Teller": "If you know how to calculate the winning number for the lottery... How is it you've not won any prizes?"

May 15: Couple with blanket, pillow, tiffin carrier of food, etc., to friend: "We're going to buy train tickets."

May 16: Angry Myanmar to others: "Businesslike manner doesn't mean profiteering for yourself."

May 17: Doctor: "Is there any medicine which doesn't agree with you?" Patient: "There is no medicine which doesn't agree with me but there are some doctors with whom I don't agree because they charge too much!"

May 19: First Myanmar: "Tell me how you solved the difficulty of getting train tickets." Second Myanmar: "I travel by car."

May 22: Four panels, with bureaucrat's desk gradually being inundated with papers: (1) "I'll do them all tomorrow." (2) "I'll do them all the day after tomorrow." (3) "I'll do them all two days later." (4) "Well, it makes no difference. I'll do them all at the end of month."

May 24: Son to father: "You've got kerosene? What is it used for, father?"

May 26: Coin to Myanmar: "Don't under-estimate me as I'm a one-kyat coin. At the telegraph office, I'm worth three times as much."

May 27: Old man (in trousers) to youth: "Oh no! It is not that I have returned... It is just that I have grown older while waiting for appointment as a sailor."

[There were also frequent cartoons, with Burmese captions, intended to promote safe driving.]

Political Articles

Following the pattern begun in October 1988, many issues contain lengthy feature articles, translated from Burmese, designed to bolster government views and policies. Editorials sometimes touch on similar themes. We note them briefly, with excerpts of typical or particularly significant portion:

May 1: Editorial: Workers Day. ["We are sure that the workers on their part will continue to strive to their utmost in shouldering their respective duties with a view to achieving as highest success as possible. On the other hand, it is important to keep strong unity among the workers. Any ideology, thought, speech, manner and behaviour that might harm the unity among the workers are to be avoided strictly. At the same time, nationalistic fervour, patriotism and the love for the people and the nation are to be further strengthened. One thing that can endanger the unity of workers is party politics. Thus it is very important for workers to stay away from party politics...."]

May 6: Human Rights vs. Human Nature, by Moe Moe. [The UN Human

Rights Commission on Mar. 10, 1993, received a draft resolution on Myanmar, No. E/CN.4/1993L.101, with 28 co-sponsors—Not including any Asian or African country. France agreed to amend it to remove the phrase "and all the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur." It was adopted without a vote, "a fact that could not be helped. What counted was the support Myanmar had from her Asian neighbours, from the Commission's member countries like China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and non-members like Singapore, Brunei and Bhutan." "Human rights is a growing sensitive and critical issue of concern in the international community. It is for this very reason that human rights should not be used as an instrument of political pressure on any country...."]

May 7,9-12: Senior General Than Shwe's Central Myanmar Tour, by Shwe Baw Phyoe (Sindewa). [(1-5) SLORC Chairman's April visit to central Myanmar.]

May 8: Human Rights Belong to All, by Moe Moe. ["The basic human rights and fundamental freedoms are universally valid. But...the term 'human rights' means not only the civil and political rights which are being argued as vital for a democratic society, but also economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the rights of the individual and those of the society.... Selectivity and emphasis given to one category over the others will never contribute towards a balanced relationship between individual and community rights...." The Asian Regional meeting on Human Rights in Bangkok, Mar. 29-Apr. 2, "took a unified position... that no country or group of countries should arrogate themselves to the role of judge and jury over the situation of human rights in any country...." The Bangkok Declaration stresses "the urgent need to eliminate selectivity and...avoid...double standards in implementing human rights"]

May 9: Come to roost where you have your roots, by Min Kyaw Min. [Undesirability of trying to change countries; virtues of SLORC order allowing "those holding travelling documents legally issued by the authorities of Myanmar and have sought to settle abroad," to apply to return to Myanmar to live.]

May 10: Honesty still is the best policy, by Lin Lin. [Denunciation of "corruption, or more correctly, the act of corrupting others by bribing them...."]

May 11: My idea of "human rights", by Moe Moe. ["I would like to see the {World Conference on Human Rights} address the problems of politicization and the application of double standards in the considering the reported violations of human rights...."]

May 14: A son of Bagan or a son of Tagaung? by Thukhi Aung. [VOA on Apr. 29 broadcast the following interview of VOA Myanmar Program speaker Daw Myint Myint Zaw with Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, then visiting the United States:

"Mister Minister, sir, we are glad to hear what you have just now said that you had invited those Myanmars you met with in the United States, in New York, in Washington and in other cities to a dinner. we also know from what you said that you have met with other organizations too. Some of those Myanmars have now become citizens of the United States, of Britain, of Germany, of Australia and of other countries. There are many Myanmars who had thus become foreign citizens under the circumstances. What would be your attitude if these ethnic Myanmars say they desire to return to Myanmar and make investments?"

"We are encouraging even foreigners to do that, so why should we have any reason to refuse such encouragement to Myanmars. Come, I invite them to come to Myanmar to make investments."

"Thank you, Mister Minister. Very heartening news to year."

This should give the lie to those who say that "foreign firms had already completely plundered Myanma natural resources, that fish and prawn stocks had been so depleted as to have fallen short of home needs and that foreign firms would not dare to make investments in Myanmar lest their businesses be nationalised later on.... The Minister explained that wholly owned or joint venture foreign

investments were being given a tax-holding extending up to three years. Foreign investors also enjoyed custom-duty exemptions on their exports of machinery and equipment. There was also the required legislation to guarantee non nationalisation of foreign investments. The Minister invited Myanmars with investments to return to Myanmar promising them a warm welcome and provision of other necessary help and assistance...."]

May 15: Editorial: Open, daring remarks. ["'There still continues to exist mentalities of the colonial period among today's People's Police Force.' Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen. Mya Thinn said this in his recent meeting with...officials of the People's Police Force..., speaking strongly and straightforwardly noting that progress of work at PPF organizations in most States and Divisions is found to be unsatisfactory. The Minister is optimistic about saying this, pointing out the importance of proper criticism and valued remarks for the success of People's Police Force.... Straightforward, open and daring remarks about one's own department would prune corrupt practices and fill up the needs for progress and work."]

May 18: The most venomous snake, by Thukhi Aung. [Corruption.]

May 19: When the people cordially join hands with the Government, by Shwe Baw Phyoe (Sandewa). [Happy Water Festival in Pyinmana. Speaking at the time, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said: "'A number of foreign broadcasters and media agencies are persisting in sowing dissention in our country. It is necessary that you listen to them and read them and ponder over them in the light of development being achieved all around you. Woe begone {sic} those who blindly believe in those broadcasts one day or another in the future. Think highly not of foreigners; think highly only of your own people. The first and the second world wars began in the West and now it is in the West that things are shaping up for the third world war.'... The Fate of Myanmars who believe in honest living and who are deeply religious has begun to smile on them. When the people begin to cordially join hands with the government the victory of Myanmars who bear malace towards none and who covet only their own peace and tranquility is not far off."]

May 27: Let us rely on our own strength, by Thukhi Aung. [Importance of proper terms. It is better to use ko arr ko koe {relying on own strength} than ko htu ko hta {picking and propping oneself}, which applies to invalids.]

May 31: We in Myanmar know what is best for all of us, by Min Kyaw Min. [Foreigners don't.]

Returnees from Bangladesh

Apr. 30: 130 persons from 25 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Apr. 28, bringing the total since Sept. 22, 1992 to 22,832. (NLM 5/1)

May 4: 246 persons from 56 household returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 2, bringing the total to 23,078. \\ A 6-member Bangladesh delegation led by Chittagong District Commissioner Mohammed Omar Farooq arrived in Yangon for talks with Director-General of Immigration and Manpower Department U Maung Aung "on immigration, border crossing and receiving those who had fled to Bangladesh." (NLM 5/ 5)

May 6: Chittagong District Commissioner Farooq called on SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 5/7)

May 11: 405 persons from 97 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 8, bringing the total to 23,493. (NLM 5/12)

May 17: 554 persons from 119 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 11, bringing the total to 24,047. (NLM 5/18)

May 19: 534 persons from 129 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 17, bringing the total to 24,581. (NLM 5/20)

May 23: 378 persons from 89 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 19, bringing the total to 24,959. (NLM 5/25)

May 25: 172 persons from 47 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 21, bringing the total to 25,131. (NLM 5/26)

May 27: 414 persons from 95 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 23, bringing the total to 25,545. (NLM 5/28)

May 30: 177 persons from 43 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on May 25, bringing the total to 25,722. (NLM 5/31)

Prisoners Released

Apr. 30: Two men and one woman were released from Insein Central Jail and Tharyarwady Jail, under SLORC Declaration No. 11/92. (NLM 5/1)

May 11: 33 men and 4 women were released from Insein, Pakokku, Myitkyina, Pathein, and Maubin Jails. (NLM 5/12)

May 20: 35 men and 5 women were released from Insein Central Jail and Myaungmya Jail. (NLM 5/21)

Refresher Course for Doctors

May 3: A four-week Special Refresher Course No. 6 for Doctors opened at the Central Institute of Public Services in Hlegu Township with 505 trainees. SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt "explained that such courses were meant for personnel who have constant contact with the public and to make them know well facts and true events which they ought to know and for them to organize the people to become patriots and to keep patriotic spirit alive and dynamic in them. He said that this was the reason why faculty members of the universities and colleges who impart knowledge to youths and give them guidance were made to attend the courses first. Next, doctors who are constantly in contact with the public and on whom the people have faith and trust were made to attend the special refresher courses for doctors. Teachers of Basic Education Department were then made to attend similar courses.... He mentioned that...it was also the time when some neo-colonialist nations were resorting to all sorts of tricks to make use of both legally formed organizations as well as insurgent groups in order to discredit and undermine the interest of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.... This was especially true in the case of the efforts being made for the emergence of a durable constitution and it was a well-known fact that there were a lot of interference and all kinds of tricks being played to belittle and disrupt the writing of a durable constitution...." (NLM 5/4)

May 29: Speaking at the conclusion of the course, Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt "blamed the loss of independence [sic] on those who, lacking in the spirit of patriotism, had a high opinion of material improvement and wanted to seek prosperity relying on others. Speaking of the designs of certain neo-colonialist countries he said they are interfering in the internal affairs of Union nations and giving support and encouragement to internal traitors so as to cause the disintegration of the Unions into separate independent nations. This, he said, is usually followed by their wide-spread pervasive ideas that various national races, which make up the Unions, have the right to exist as separate entities for their areas were unjustly occupied by monarchic rulers. He reminded the trainees of the outright intervention of these countries in other countries which, using the words 'the affairs of nationalities', are making attempts to cause the division of Union nations, inter-racial conflicts and unbalanced situation in the world. Concerning Myanmar, he said some big countries, in collaboration with organizations and periodicals under their influence and terrorist insurgents, are unleashing false news that there are human rights violations and racial oppression in the country. They, after approaching international and non-governmental organizations, are creating a condition in which Myanmar Naing-Ngan would be ostracized by international circle, he said. He pinpointed the menace of the disintegration of the country due to their machinations which even now are causing massacres in national races, which should be noticed by the trainee doctors.... He also spoke of the broadcasts of interviews between KNU representatives and a broadcasting station, aimed at disparaging and bringing discrediting [sic] the National Convention and development activities in the State. They conducted the interviews with concoctions, he

said...." He praised the activities of the SLORC in revoking martial law, substituting military officers with civilians in township administration, and release of prisoners except for those posing a threat to national security, as well as development of transportation, adoption of a market-oriented economic system, and the increase of economic activities in 1992-93. (NLM 5/30)

Split in NLD Expatriates

May 20: U Mya Thein and U Than Lwin, two members of the National League for Democracy who had "absconded to Maneplaw, the headquarters of the Kayin terrorist group" turned themselves in at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, "returned to the legal fold," and arrived in Yangon May 12. According to them, the NLD expatriates in Maneplaw were divided into different groups, because of dissatisfaction with Dr. Sein Win's corruption. The groups are:

Dr. Sein Win Group

Away-yauk (self exiled) NLD Group

Pyi-pa-yauk NLD Group (NLD group outside motherland)

Workers Union NLD Group

Pyi-pa-yauk NLD youths group (NLD youths group outside motherland)

In the Maneplaw area all NLD expatriate activities are controlled by the Kayin terrorist group, who in April 1993 drowned 18 ABSDF youths in a powered boat. Many ABSDF would like to return to the legal fold but fear for their lives if they try. It was the terrorists themselves who were responsible for the death of Win Ko. [photos] (NLM 5/21)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

[Adjourned until June 7.]

Convention Activities

May 14: Speaking at a meeting of the National Convention Decoration Sub-committee, Secretary Maj. Tin Tun noted that between Jan. 9 and Apr. 8, there were 9 plenary sessions and one Panel of Chairmen meeting at the Meeting Hall of the President's Residence, and 1 plenary session and 2 Panel of Chairmen meetings at Sayasan Hall in the Kyaikkasan Grounds. There were altogether 109 plenary, panel, and group discussion meetings. (NLM 5/15)

Donations

May 23: The staffs of Myanmar embassies abroad, and Myanmar citizens abroad, have donated more than US\$20,437, DM2,200 and K10,000 for the National Convention. Recent donations were received from Embassies in Colombo, Seoul, Belgrade, and Manila. (NLM 5/24)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

May 3: Indian Ambassador G. Parthasarathy called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein to discuss mining. (NLM 5/4)

May 4: Russian Military Attache Col. Valeri A. Amosov, Dean of the Military Attaches in Myanmar, who is completing his tour, called on Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Maung Aye to present his successor, Capt. Mikhail M. Boronik (Navy). UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheen called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. United States Charge d'Affaires Franklin P. Huddle, Jr. called on Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung. Malaysian Ambassador John Tenewi Nuek called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. Indonesian Ambassador Gen. (Police) Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 5/5)

May 7: Indian Ambassador G. Parthasarathy, accompanied by "Director Mr. R. Khosla of mineral produce trading corporation of

India," called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 5/8)

May 10: Laotian Ambassador Kideng Thammavong called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 5/ 11)

May 12: Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. Singapore Charge d'Affaires Anthony Chng Chye Tong called on Deputy Minister for Trade Col. Aung Thuang, and on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futracul called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 5/13)

May 14: Departing United States Military Attache (Army) Col. David G. Douglass called on Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Maung Aye, to present his successor, Col. Danwill Lee. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen. Mya Thinn, on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, and on Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. French Ambassador Alain Briottet called on Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 5/ 15)

May 17: British Ambassador Julian D.N. Hartland-Swann, accompanied by Mr. Martin of John Brown Engineering Co., called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 5/18)

May 18: Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi, accompanied by First Secretary I. Ktui Habe Diantha, called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 5/19)

May 19: The Indonesian Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. (NLM 5/20)

May 20: The Indonesian Ambassador called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, and also on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. French Ambassador Alain Briottet, accompanied by Cultural Counsellor Mr. D. Maule, called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. (NLM 5/21)

May 24: Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein, and on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 5/25)

May 25: The Japanese Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. The Indonesian Ambassador called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thuang Myint. (NLM 5/26)

May 26: Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. UNDP Representative Douglas Ganddenar called on Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Win Naing. (NLM 5/27)

May 27: Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futrakul called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Attorney-General U Tha Tun, and on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 5/28)

May 28: United States Charge d'Affaires Franklin P. Huddle, Jr. called on Minister for Co-operatives U Than Aung. Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, and on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi also called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 5/29)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

May 22: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe has appointed U

Hla Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to Great Britain, to be concurrently Myanmar Ambassador to Norway. (NLM 5/22)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

May 4: Mr. Odd Fosseidbraaten presented his credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 5/5)

May 11: Mr. Takashi Tajima presented his credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 5/12)

Myanmar Consul to Netherlands

Apr. 30: Netherlands Honorary Consul Mr. H.J. Steven, addressing Workshop on Trade Matters for Private Entrepreneurs No. 2/93, described his life in the paper industry. He is Managing Director of Steven Paper & Book BV of Holland and "catering newsprint to the Ministry of Information and paper of all sorts to the Ministry of Trade." (NLM 5/ 1)

Diplomatic Excursion

May 23: Diplomats and their families were taken on an excursion on the new Aungban-Pinlaung-Loikaw Railroad on May 21, led by Diplomatic Corps Dean Pakistan Ambassador Muhammad Qurban. Also aboard were FAO Resident Representative Oscar J.S. Lazo and WHO Resident Representative Klaus Wagner. (NLM 5/24)

Diplomats Discuss Drugs

May 26: Officials of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control met to discuss anti-narcotics activities with the British and French Ambassadors, Japanese Embassy Second Secretary, US Embassy drug control official, Italian Embassy Counsellor, and UNDP and UNDCP officials. Questions from the diplomats were answered by CCDAC Joint Secretary Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun, Director-General U Ba Thwin of the Foreign Ministry, and Dr. Mya Maung of the Myanmar Agricultural Service. (NLM 5/27)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Foreign Donations

May 7: Central Trading Co. Ltd. of Japan, represented by President Miss H. Shinohara and Managing Director Mr. Peter K. Morris, donated a 26-seat Nissan bus to the Ministry of Trade. (NLM 5/8)

May 10: Golden Glory Co. of Singapore will donate 80 Toshiba TV sets and 80 Konica cameras to "victorious Myanmar athletes" in the upcoming XVII South-East Asian Games in Singapore, June 12-20. (NLM 5/11)

May 27: The Australian Government, on behalf of the University of New England and National Library of Australia, donated over 6,800 and 43 publications to the Universities Central Library, as well as a Kiln Furnace to the Universities Research Clinic. (NLM 5/28)

FAO Poultry and Pig Project

May 21: The FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) has provided equipment worth US\$178,000 for the development poultry and pig farming in Shan State east regions, under an agreement signed Apr. 30, 1992, with the Livestock, Feedstuff and Milk Products Enterprise [details]. (NLM 5/22)

China-Myanmar Bridge Opened

May 29: The Wanting-Kyukok Bridge on the China-Myanmar border was opened May 28 by Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races Maj-Gen. Maung Thint, Minister for Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, and the Vice-Governor of China's Yunnan Province. "The bridge was declared open followed by setting off fire crackers, flying national flags and singing national anthems of two

countries accompanied by the music bands." Speakers noted that the Wanting-Kyukok road and bridge had once formed part of the pre-war "Burma Road." (NLM 5/30)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

May 6: Mr. Patrick David Pentony of SIAP, Japan, currently in Yangon for a Country Course on Statistical Computing, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 5/7)

May 12: Mr. Michael J. Priestley, envoy of UN Under-Secretary General Jan Eliasson, called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw before flying on to Rakhine State to visit the reception camps for returnees from Bangladesh. (NLM 5/13)

May 25: UN Drug Control Programme advisers Mr. Richard Dickens and Mr. Jorn Kristensen called on CCDAC Secretary Police Maj-Gen. San Thein. (NLM 5/26)

Business Visitors

May 16: Ms. Miriam Marshall Segal, Chairperson of Miriam Marshall Associates International Limited, called on SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who thanked her for her assistance to Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung during his recent visit to the United States. (NLM 5/17) // May 17: She called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin, and offered to help in Cardiac cases, since her husband was a cardiac specialist. (NLM 5/18) // May 18: She called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 5/19)

Academic and Health Visitors

May 1: Visiting Professor Dr. Graham J. Mount, Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Adelaide, Australia, and Guest Associate Professor of the School of Dentistry, Northwestern University, Chicago, currently in Yangon, will lecture on Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry on May 3-4. (NLM 5/2)

May 4: Rev. Alden Thorlson of the Christian Charity Drug Treatment Centre of Bangkok called on CCDAC Joint Secretary Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun to discuss "treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts by non-governmental organizations." (NLM 5/5)

May 19: A Thai health delegation led by Dr. Samsong Ruggpao called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin to discuss mutual health cooperation and the establishment of a model township in Bago Division. (NLM 5/20)

May 26: A five-member Chinese study group led by Prof. Zhao Guangwu, Deputy head of the Philosophy Department, Beijing University, arrived on an 8-day cultural visit. (NLM 5/27) // May 27: The delegation called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. (NLM 5/28)

Religious Delegations

May 13: Mr. Shigeki Mori, leader of the Agon Shu Buddhist Association of Japan, called on Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (NLM 5/14) // May 14: He called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 5/15)

May 14: Mr. James Patrick Stewart Ross of the United States, who is in Myanmar to "visit pagodas and study Buddhist Scriptures," called on Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt and donated US\$500 for the Sasanika buildings to be constructed in Lumbini Garden in Nepal. (NLM 5/15)

Thai Parliamentarian

May 17: Mr. Udorn Tantisuntorn, member of the Thai parliamentary Economic Affairs Committee, called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin to discuss a bridge over the Thaungyin [Salween] River. (NLM 5/18)

French Diplomat

May 28: Mr. Michael Dubois, Vice-Chairman of the External Relations Department of the Economic and Social Council, called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, on Minister for Mines Maj-Gen. Kyaw Min, on Deputy Minister for Agriculture U Tin Hlaing, and on Foreign Ministry officials. (NLM 5/29)

May 29: He called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 5/30)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

May 3: Senior Research Officer U Kyi Thaung of the Library Division, Department of Medical Research, left for Thailand to attend WHO sponsored Training in Health Information Systems. Assistant Lecturer Daw Khin Hla Nwe of the Physics Department, Mawlamyine University, left May 1 for Seibersdorf, Austria, to attend a six-month IAEA Nuclear Instrumentation, Electronic and Reactor Control course. Assistant Lecturer Daw Oo Oo Khin of the Textile Engineering Department, Yangon Institute of Technology, left May 1 for Thailand to attend a DAAD sponsored Industrial Engineering and Management course. (NLM 5/4)

May 5: Senior Supervisors U Ohn Myint and U Hla Win of the Settlements and Land Records Department, Ministry of Agriculture, left for Bangkok to attend a 12-week UNDP sponsored Data Communications and Computer Networking course. (NLM 5/6)

May 7: General Manager U Aye Maung of Construction and Electrical Stores Trading, left for Korea to attend a May 10-20 course on Management of Market Economy and Korea's Development Experience. (NLM 5/8)

May 10: Assistant Lecturer U Aung Myint of Toungoo Government Technical Institute left for London May 8 to attend a UNDP-sponsored course on Computer Numerical Control Machine. (NLM 5/11)

May 21: Assistant Manager U Hla Pe of Myanma Port Authority left for Singapore to attend a ADB/Singapore sponsored course on container services and port management from May 21-June 11. (NLM 5/22)

May 26: Engineers U Moe Hein, U Htay Win, Daw Lwin Lwin Aung, and Daw Kyu Kyu of the Yadana Theingi Co. Ltd. Bicycle Factory left for China to study bicycle factories in Kunming for four weeks. The company has leased the Bicycle Factory of the Myanma Heavy Industries "according to market-oriented economic policy of the State." (NLM 5/27)

May 29: Editor U Thein Htut of The New Light of Myanmar of the News and Periodicals Enterprise left for Japan to take part in the FPC Fellowship Program. (NLM 5/39)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

May 1: An 8-member delegation led by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt left for Geneva to attend the May 3-14 46th World Health Organization Conference. Other members are Deputy Director-General Dr. Hla Myint of the Ministry of Health, Head of Office U Myint Thein, Assistant Director (Foreign Relations) Dr. Lin Aung, and PSO to the Minister Capt. Tin Oo. They will be joined by Permanent Representative U Tin Kyaw Hlaing of the Geneva UN Office, Deputy Permanent Representative U Mya Than, and Second Secretaries U Tun Oo and U Nyunt Swe. (NLM 5/2) // May 16: The delegation returned. (NLM 5/17) // May 17: The Minister addressed the session on May 4, noting implementation of Myanma's slogan "Health for All by the year 2000," and underlining "that cases of HIV positive in Myanmar have increased and preventive measures have been undertaken as a national task under the leadership of the State." (NLM 5/18)

May 8: Director General Dr. Sein Tin of the Central Statistical Organization left for New York to attend the May 10-21 preparatory

committee meeting for the International Conference on Population and Development sponsored by the UN Population Fund. (NLM 5/9) // May 26: He returned. (NLM 5/27)

May 11: A Myanmar delegation led by Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw of the Myanma Economic Bank, attended the May 4-6 26th annual meeting of the Governors of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. With him was Assistant Director U Tin Maung Thein of the Foreign Economic Relations Department. U Kyaw Kyaw delivered a speech on May 6. (NLM 5/12)

May 26: A three-member delegation headed by Acting Director-General U Tin Myint of the Survey Department, Ministry of Forestry, and a five-member delegation led by Director U Mya Maung of the same Department, left for Kunming, China, to attend the First Meeting of the Chief Representatives, and the First Meeting of the Surveying and Mapping Experts, of the Second Joint Inspection of the Myanmar-China Boundary. (NLM 5/27)

May 26: A four-member delegation led by Director-General Lt-Col. Thein Han of the Work Committee Office of Development of Border Areas and National Races, left for Bangkok to attend the quadripartite regional development meeting of Myanmar, China, Laos, and Thailand. (NLM 5/27)

May 29: A delegation led by Director-General of Labour Department U Tun Shwe left for Geneva to attend the 80th annual Conference of the International Labour Organization from June 2-23. Other members are Director of Labour Department U Aung Ba Kyi, Director of Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department U Kyaw win, U Tun Aye of the Chamber of Commerce, and U Ohn Lwin of No. 1 Industry. (NLM 5/30)

Mission to Laos

May 11: A delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin left on a goodwill visit to Laos. Other members included Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Kyaw Aye, Deputy Minister for Agriculture U Tin Hlaing, Ambassador to Laos U Tin Hlaing, and Director-General of Protocol Thura U Aung Htet. The delegation arrived in Vientiane, and was met by Laos Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Khamphouy Keoboualapha and other officials. (NLM 5/12)

May 12: The Mission called on Laos Prime Minister Khamtay Siphandone, and on President Nhouhak Pounsavanh, before flying on to the ancient capital of Luang Prabang. (NLM 5/13)

May 14: The delegation visited Luang Prabang on May 12, and on May 13 presented offerings at the Wat San Monastery, before returning to Vientiane. (NLM 5/15)

May 15: The delegation returned. A joint communique [full text published] stated that the two Deputy Prime Ministers "availed themselves of the opportunity to hold friendly and fruitful talks based on friendship and mutual understanding. Based on the Joint-Communique of the Prime Ministers of the two Countries, both sides noted with satisfaction the steady development of the relations between Laos and Myanmar, especially in the areas of border demarcation, drug control, exchange of delegations at different levels and technical cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture and forestry.... The two Deputy Prime Ministers were of the view that communications in the common border area should be uplifted to facilitate the expanding border trade between the two countries. They also see the need to designate border trade points and to establish necessary monetary and financial arrangements in order to smoothen [sic] the payment procedures. The two sides agreed to continue their cooperation in the fields of agriculture, forestry, energy and mining by exchanging delegations in those fields between the two countries. As regards sending trainees to Myanmar, the Myanmar side informed its readiness to accept them commencing from the first week of June 1993 and to receive more of them in future...." (NLM 5/16)

Cultural Delegation to China

May 12: A five-member Myanmar cultural delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Nyunt left for China at the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Broadcasting, Motion Pictures and Television. Other members are Managing Director U Tin Pe of the Motion Picture Enterprise, Director U Phone Myint of Myanmar Television and Radio Department, Chairman Accordion U Ohn Kyaw of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Music Asiayon, and film actor U Nyunt Win. (NLM 5/13) // May 21: The delegation returned. (NLM 5/22)

Foreign Minister in Philippines

May 13: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw will make an official visit to the Philippines from May 17-19, at the invitation of Philippine Foreign Secretary Roberto R. Romulo. (NLM 5/14)

May 16: The Minister left for Manila, accompanied by Director-General U Ba Thwin, Director U Denzil Abel, and his PSO. (NLM 5/17)

May 20: The Minister returned. In Manila he called on President Fidel V. Ramos, Foreign Secretary Romulo, and Secretary for Environment and National Resources Angel C. Alcala. He had talks with Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Mr. Macaranas, with President Jose L. Yulo of Philippines International Trading Corporation, and with former Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus (who visited Myanmar in 1991), who is now Chairman of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC). (NLM 5/21)

Secretary-1 to Singapore

May 20: At the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen. (Res.) Lee Hsien Loong, SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt will visit Singapore in the near future. (NLM 5/21)

May 24: SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt left for Singapore by special aircraft, accompanied by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Trade Col. Aung Thaung, and officials of the Ministries of Defence, Foreign Affairs, and Information. They were seen off at the airport by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 5/25)

May 28: SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt and delegation returned by special aircraft, and were received at the airport by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. During their Singapore visit, the delegation members called on their opposite numbers and other officials, and were shown the sights of Singapore. [photos] (NLM 5/29),

Home Minister to Bangladesh

May 22: A delegation led by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen. Mya Thinn left on a goodwill visit to Bangladesh. Other members are Deputy Commander Col. Htay Win of Western Command, Lt-Col. Thein Sein of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Department, Director-General U Saw Thein of the Relief and Resettlement Department, Deputy Director-General of the PPF Brig-Gen. Myang Toe, Director U Than Aye of Immigration Control Headquarters for Border Areas, Director U Tint Dai of the Foreign Ministry, Head of Office U Ohn and PSO to the Minister Capt. Sein Mya. (NLM 5/23) // May 30: The delegation returned. (NLM 5/31)

Finance Minister to Germany, Singapore

May 25: Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin left to study banking in Germany and Singapore. He was accompanied by Lt-Col. Kyaw Tun and PSO U Khin Maung Aye. (NLM 5/26)

Returning Delegations

Return of delegations that departed in previous months, and whose composition has been given in previous issues of the BPS:

Apr. 30: The delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin returned from China. (NLM 5/1)

May 13: The delegation led by Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin returned from the UN Commission on Human Settlements meeting in Nairobi. (NLM 5/14)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

May 6: U Soe Myint to be Director-General, Supreme Court.

U Win Lwin to be Director-General, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

U Hsan Khup, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 5/7)

May 19: Col. Khin Maung Aye (BC/9670), Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Agriculture, to be Managing Director, Myanma Farms Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture.

U Ohn Than, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Bureau of Special Investigations, Ministry of Home Affairs.

U Thaug Sein, General Manager, to be Managing Director, Myanma Export and Import Services, Ministry of Trade. (NLM 5/ 20)

Appointments Confirmed

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

May 19: U Hla Tun Aung as Rector, Mawlamyine University, Ministry of Education.

U Thaug Sein as Managing Director, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise.

U Thein Tun as Director-General, Energy Planning Department, Ministry of Energy. (NLM 5/20)

Transfers

The SLORC has transferred and appointed the following:

May 19: Col. Thein Myint (BC/7858), Managing Director, Myanma Export and Import Services, to be Managing Director, Myanma Agricultural Products Trading, Ministry of Trade. (NLM 5/20)

GOVERNMENT

Gen. Than Shwe Tours Rakine

Apr. 30-May 3: Senior General Than Shwe and Madame Than Shwe Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen. Mya Thinn, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen. Thein Win, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen. Min Thein, and Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Tin Aye, flew to Sittway, Rakhine State, on April 30. He addressed officials, and visited development and other sites in the State, giving guidance to officials. In addition to calling for greater developmental efforts, he pinpointed for renovation and conversion to all-weather roads of the Minbu-Ann-Minbya-Mrauk-U-Kyauktaw, Padaung-Taungup-Thandwe, and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung roads, and said trucks should cover the Ann-Minbu road in five hours and light vehicles in four. He returned to Yangon on May 3. [photos] (NLM 5/1-4)

Workers Day Message

May 1: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe issued the traditional message on the occasion of 1993 Worker Day [full text]: To all esteemed masses of the workers,

May 1, 1993, is Workers Day observed in honour of the mental and physical workers of the whole of the Union of Myanmar. I send this message, to the masses of the workers, greeting you with love and respect, on this auspicious day.

Since the mental and physical workers are fulfilling the food, clothing and shelter as well as the social needs of all the people residing in the Union, they are one of the basic forces in bringing about progress and development of the nation. The life of the workers who possess physical strength, mental ability and cetana (goodwill) as their capital investment and who meet the needs of the State is a noble one.

The physical and mental workers, with their love for the country and patriotism traditionally inherent in them, joined hands with national people in the movement against the imperialists just as done by the peasants. The workers had themselves bitter experiences that the colonialist government and the fascist government oppressed them inhumanly and mercilessly thus leading workers to the lowest standard of living condition. It can be seen in the historical documents that much blood, sweat and lives of many physical and mental workers were lost under occupation of imperialists and fascists. In the same way there had been exploitation and looting of the natural resources such as teak, pyingadoe and minerals by the imperialists' companies. While an oil field worker got an average daily wage of one kyat and two annas, the salaries of the imperialists themselves ranged from K 5,000 to K 8,000. Moreover, the BOC Company of the colonialists made annual profits between 90 million kyats and 101 million kyats while payment to all company workers totalled seven million kyats only.

As a result of suppressions, exploitations and unfair relationship by the colonialist government, the anti-colonialist consciousness arose among the masses of workers and this consciousness played an important role in the movement against the colonialists.

Now, endeavours for development in various economic and social fields are being carried out extensively under the leadership of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. At this time, the physical and mental workers, one of the basic forces of the State, are required to make endeavours energetically, unitedly and willingly showing their untiring and correct cetana and attitude.

Only if the masses of physical and mental workers are united in performing various duties of the State, they are still prominent as a nation-building force [sic].

In order to enhance the physical and mental capabilities of the masses of workers there is a need to bear in mind carefully the three following causes:

- ÄÄ to stay away from party politics;
- ÄÄ to avoid bureaucratic ideology and procedures; and
- ÄÄ to be free from corruption.

If the noble and clean life of the workers is dyed with the colour like party politics, there will really emerge discord and disunity among the workers; they will fail to perform their duties in the interest of the public and it will lead to the fall in production of commodities.

In order to speed up the activities for establishment of the multi-party democratic State, there is a need to remove bureaucratic ideas and bureaucracy procedures.

In the same way, the workers must be free from corruption. The physical and mental workers are required to avoid four kinds of corruption regarding them as the dangers which should be disgusted [sic].

It is obviously seen that nation-building and development activities are being carried out with momentum during the time while the State Law and Order Restoration Council is taking responsibilities. Much financial investments have been made for those activities so that the social life of the national races including the masses of workers residing in the Union will improve and will have peace and pleasantness. Especially priority is being given to the development of border areas where our national brethren are residing.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council Government has been

fulfilling the needs in all aspects for the workers to alleviate burden of the commodities prices which are gradually rising up owing to various reasons. It has also been undertaking arrangements for the welfare of the workers—enhancing the pay-scales of the workers as well as pensioners; allotting housing plots for them to possess houses of their own and granting interest-free long-term loans for construction of their houses; opening Government Employee Cooperative shops, etc.

It should have known [sic] that the workers, individually or in form of all the masses of workers, have rights as well as duties in accordance with the existing laws, rules, regulations, orders and directives. Especially, in implementing the targets of the economic development of the nation laid down by the State, the workers, like the peasants, play principal role.

I would like to urge the workers not only to perform their main tasks with duty-consciousness and loyalty to successfully implement the targets laid down by the State for the economic year 1993-94 but also to carry out other associated tasks as a means to contribute support within their own capacity.

In conformity with State Law and Order Restoration Council Declaration No 1/90, the National Convention is being held beginning 9 January, 1993, to lay down fundamental principles for writing and enduring Constitution. Delegates representing all masses and classes of the national people are attending the National Convention and openly and clearly discussing to obtain fundamental principles. It is a praise-worthy account of delegates of workers and State service personnel who are taking part in discussions at the National Convention for the emergence of enduring Constitution, looking forward to the long-term benefit of the State.

I would hereby emphatically like to urge the whole mass of the mental and physical workers of the Union of Myanmar, to perform national developmental tasks with genuine national political outlook, noble-mindedness and the cetana; and to strive to carry out duties for maintaining peace and security of the State hand in hand with the Tatmadaw and upholding Our Three Main National Causes of the State Law and Order Restoration Council

— Non-disintegration of the Union;

— Non-disintegration of national solidarity; and

— Perpetuation of national sovereignty.

(NLM 5/1)

Some Expatriates Invited Home

May 6: SLORC Declaration No. 3/93 of May 6, Granting Right of Application to Persons who, for various reasons have left Myanmar for good and have taken up the citizenship of any foreign country, to return and settle down in Myanmar, reads [full text]:

1. There are many Myanmar citizens holding travelling documents legally issued by the authorities of Myanmar, who have left Myanmar for good and have taken up the citizenship of any foreign country.

2. It is hereby declared that in consideration of the social and economic requirements of such persons, if such persons are desirous of taking up Myanmar citizenship again and re-settling in Myanmar, they may, after renouncing the citizenship of a foreign country apply to the relevant Myanmar Embassy/Consulate-General or to the nearest Myanmar Embassy/Consulate-General, stating fully the reasons, within one year with effect from the day this Declaration is issued.

(NLM 5/6)

May 8: Editorial: With warm embraces [full text]. [East or west home is the best. We all know this maxim. But the homely truth that depicts is realized more deeply by the people who, for various reasons, leave the native place and reside abroad or at any other places temporarily or permanently. However developed social customs and environment they have to be adapted to, they miss homeland's fresh air, simple foods, plain dress, and open smiles. Indeed they feel homesick. And how many of Myanmar natives are homesick abroad?

There would be many, young or old, who are desirous of coming back. Now, they may return to their home. It is the very first time and only in the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council to grant privilege of application to persons, who for various reason, have left Myanmar for good and have taken up the citizenship of any foreign country, to return and settle down in Myanmar. [Text of Declaration.] It is a great pride to be a citizen of one's own native land, inhaling native air, enjoying country foods and thinking highly of motherland. It is also a great pleasure to meet our natives again. Holding them to us in warm embraces, we are to hear their enjoyable journeys and pilgrimages. We are to relate to them great changes here in Myanmar and to be all ears to their experiences which may be more or less stepping-stones to our careers. In the near future, we are to meet our brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandpas and grandmas, who are of the same blood of ours yearning for homeland's love. And may The New Light of Myanmar, with sweet smiles and warm embraces, welcome the returning Myanmar citizens holding high the well-known proverb "There's no place like home."]

Passports for Citizens Abroad

May 12 [full text]: Home Ministry issues notification on extending or issuing passports for Myanmar citizens abroad. Ministry of Home Affairs today issued a notification for extending the term of Myanmar passports held by Myanmar citizens abroad or issuing new passports to those who have not taken up citizenship of any foreign country although the term of the Myanmar passports has expired or those whose Myanmar passports have been suspended. The notification notes that out of Myanmar citizens who left for various reasons holding Myanmar passports, there are those whose passport term has expired but they have not renewed their Myanmar passports nor have taken up citizenship of any foreign country. And there are people whose Myanmar passports have been suspended by authorities concerned. In order that the term of their Myanmar passports may be extended to them, they can apply to the relevant Myanmar Embassies/Consulates-General or to the nearest Myanmar Embassies/Consulates-General stating fully the reasons within one year with effect from 6 May 1993. (NLM 5/13)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

May 9: 15 Loimaw terrorists led by Kya Hti Na on Apr. 24 entered Nawngkhio village, Kyaing Tong Twp. [Shan], killed three civilians "for no reason," and stole money, five clocks, and other goods before setting 8 houses on fire. (NLM 5/10)

Insurgents Surrender

May 3: Two ABSDF terrorists surrendered, with their arms, on Apr 23 at the Myeik [Mergui] Tatmadaw camp [names and details]. (NLM 5/4)

May 18: Company Commander Maung Hyla of the 210 battalion, five privates of the ABSDF terrorist group, and two privates of the People's Liberation Front, returned to the legal fold. (NLM 5/19)

May 19: Between Apr. 1-7, 58 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. (NLM 5/20)

May 23: Between Apr. 8-19, 38 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details]. (NLM 5/24)

May 25: Between Apr. 20-30, 34 terrorists surrendered, with their arms [names and details], bringing the montly total to 129. (NLM 5/26)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

[See also under CULTURE: Sunday Supplements]

May 1: Roads have opened up accessibility, by Kyaw Hoe

(Pyanset). [SLORC priority in building communications with border areas is because (1) "The Union of Myanmar is an entity built up by all national races of brothers and sisters," (2) "National races dwell in remote regions where there are no motor roads and not even cart tracks," (3) National races are honest peoples who lead a peaceful life, contented with what they have," (4) "Most of them are Shans, Kachins, Was (Loilas), Kokangs, Ahkars, Pa-ohs, Palaungs and Lahus who live in the north, north-east and east of the country," and (5) "All through history, communciations with border region national races had been very deficient. They have therefore [sic] behind the times in economic, social and education development with no proper lines of communication. They had therefore suffered from insurgent tyranny for over twenty years."]

May 5: Hotels in Myanmar: Welcome to Mya Yeik Nyo, by Theimm Htut. [Description of new hotel, "where there are no elevators, only teak staircases; there are no magnetized plastic cards to open doors, only re-assuringly old-fashioned keys. One can enjoy Myanma aesthetic tastes in Mya Yeik Nyo."]

May 10: Hotels in Myanmar: A fine example of pioneer Myanmar entrepreneurship, by Theimm Htut. [Glowing description of Mya Yeik Nyo hotel.]

May 13: In defiance of nature, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [Economic projects in Rakhine State visited by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.]

May 13: Stores number nine with a new look, by Ma Kywe Kywe. [Co-op that now sells only Myanmar handcrafts and art.]

May 14: Our environment is our friend, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [More on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe's Rakhine trip. At one point, seeing trees being cut on a hill, he said: "Why do you have to cut those trees down? Your environment is your friend. Look at it in anyway you like, politically, militarily and economically. Don't cut trees down just like that. Be very strict about it. You are destroying the environment and you are destroying the climate by cutting trees down."]

May 15: Rely on your own strength, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [More on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe's Rakhine trip.]

May 16: An invaluable journey, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [More on trip. "Whatever it may be for me, I who have not been to Rakhine State, have now been there thanks to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing. This journey is priceless. It is priceless for me, leave alone for the Rakhine State. This indeed has been an invaluable journey."]

May 17: Come to where the serenity prevails, by Saw Hanson Yah. [Description of Chaungtha Beach and its tourist facilities, 38 miles west of Pathein [Ayeyarwady], which was first "discovered" in 1989, and is much cheaper than Ngapali in Rakhine State. Visitor statistics are:

	Foreign	Local
1989-90	98	2,195
1990-91	171	3,796
1991-92	174	5,415
1992-93	114	8,566]

May 18: The ITUÄÄÄn Organization that Shapes the Future, by Shwehintha (Mandalay University). [Hailing 35th World Telecommunications Day.]

May 19: Time for everybody to do his own duty, by U Ye Myint (Thittttaw {sic}). [Need to save the environment. "Myanmar is not a member of this {International Tropical Timber} Organization. But Myanmar is free to join and also dare to join any organization where there is no political exploitation and where there is no pressure by organized blocs. This is because Myanmar already possesses a comprehensive forest policy, an effective legislation and a correct forest administration that is in fact been {sic} practised."]

May 20: Getting ready for a mid-term Gems Emporium, by Swe Thant Ko. [Recent triumphs of Myanmar gem industry, including finding of a flawless 38 carat ruby.]

May 21: Where there is a will there is a way, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe's May 15 visit to the Ayeyarwady delta area.]

May 26-28: The public service institute for advancement of public service personnel, by Ne Wun Tin. [(1) The Institute, in rural Phaunggyi near Yangon, was founded in 1965 and upgraded to university status in 1977, and provides basic and refresher training for public service personnel. There are six subject-wise groups: Public Affairs Administration; Economic; Social; Law; Political Science; and Military Training, as well as administrative and other ancillary departments. Regular Training Courses are: Basic Public Affairs Service Personnel (18 weeks) {127 courses, 30,041 trainees to date}; Public Affairs Clerks (Supervisory Grade) (18 weeks) {42 courses, 2,720 trainees to date}; and Public Affairs Clerks (20 weeks) {77 courses, 16,954 trainees to date}.

[(2) {title changed to The Central Public Service Institute}] In addition, the Institute has conducted special 28-week courses for 1,686 managers in the General Administration Department, 14-week courses for 5,091 police and 2,702 cadet sub-inspectors, 24-week courses for 16,253 police recruits, and special courses for 8,805 others. Under SLORC direction it has conducted three 4-week special refresher courses for 6,171 University teachers and 2,470 doctors (another 505 doctors are in the current Course No. 6). Two-week on-the-job refresher courses for local officials, with 994 trainees to date, have begun. "All trainees are organized in twelve companies...{of} 150 to 300 trainees," each with its own office, mess hall, 30-bed hostels, bathrooms, and lavatories. Up to 3,240 trainees can be accommodated at once. There are 13 classrooms, with capacities from 300 to 1,000 each. Trainees arise at 5 am for physical exercise, clean their quarters (demerits issued, on a collective basis), and have breakfast at 6 am. They fall in at 6:40 am to take the Trainees Pledge, and march in military formation to classes, which are held from 7-10.50 am. Lunch is 11 am. Eight kyats a day is spent on food (purchased at special prices) and meals are "average standard," and "sufficient to provide necessary nutrition to trainees." "Strict time-tables for their every movement turn the trainees into disciplined persons within a matter of days."

[(3) Afternoon classes run from 12.30 to 3.30 pm, followed by physical exercise from 4.00 to 4.40. Dinner is at 5.30. Fall-in is 6.50 followed by "collective meals" from 7-8.30 pm in rooms with TV sets, which may be watched after 8.00 pm. 9.00 to 9.30 is for private study, and lights out at 10.00 pm. Moe San Pann canteens serve tea at 1« kyats per cup, and general stores sell books and other commodities at 5% above wholesale. The Koe-nawin Pagoda, built in 1930, is on the Campus, and is being renovated by trainees.]

May 26: The six-lane Bayintnaung Main Road the Tatmadawmen built, by Win Myint (Insein). [New road opened in Yangon on April 21.]

May 26: It is time for direct seeding method in paddy cultivation, by Doctor Maung Mar. [New method that "is superior both to broadcasting sowing method and transplanting method in that it saves both labour and water."]

May 29: The Legacy of Padalin and small scale poultry farming, by Maung Maung Nyunt. [Cave wall paintings at Padalin may depict animal raising; in Myanmar, poultry is "every body's favourite dish."]

May 31: Hotels in Myanmar: Jade Pavillion Inn, by Ye Nyunt. [Almost completed new hotel buing built at 126(A) Dhamma Zedi Road, Bahann Twp., Yangon, by Baiyoke Suite Hotel Co. Ltd. of Thailand. Managing Director Robert Thein Pe said that there were only 2,264 hotel rooms in Myanmar, compared with 55,000 in India and 48,000 in Bangkok. The Jade Pavillion will have 34 rooms, with phone, colour TV, in-house movies, air conditioning, etc., and the initial charge will be US\$66 for a single, US\$78 for a double, and US\$96 for a suite (including 10% tax and service charge). Robert Thein Pe said his company will next remodel the Kandawgyi Hotel to bring it to four-

star quality with a capacity of 400 guests. He said "In my view, Myanmar tourist industry is still very new, you are aiming at maybe half a million tourists per year. It is highly ambitious a figure but to the measurement it is still very small. Roughly, you must have at least 15,000 rooms or by percentage 1.6 tourists per room. It is calculated for 60-per-cent occupancy for roughly 40,000 tourists per month." Since 1988 the number of State-owned hotels has increased from 22 (900 rooms) to 41 (1,408 rooms), and in the private sector there are 51 hotels and guest houses (856 rooms).]

Construction & Other Projects

May 1: The Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel was opened at 23/25 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahann Twp. [Yangon]. "The hotel had 40 bedrooms and payment will be in US dollars. The hotel is decorated according to Myanma aesthetic tastes." (NLM 5/2)

May 4: The Taungkayan Dam across Taungkayan creek, 44 miles north of Gangaw [Magway] was inaugurated May 1. "More than 5,000 people contributed voluntary [sic] in building the dam which will irrigate 5,000 acres of paddy for double cropping of paddy." Two 145-foot timber vessels, the Yadanathit 7 and Yadanathit 8, built by Myanma Shipyards, were handed over to Myanma Timber Enterprise. Each cost K6.9 million and can carry 250 tons of timber, and "they are to be used for carrying timber in rivers and creeks where water is shallow in summer." (NLM 5/5)

May 5: A new double-storey market was dedicated May 1 in Myitkyina. (NLM 5/6)

May 6: The Nampanchaung hydel power plant was commissioned May 3 in Hsenwi Twp. [Shan]. (NLM 5/7)

May 9: The 220-foot Dayebo Bridge on the Yangon-Mandalay highway between Htaukkyant and Zayatkwinn was inaugurated. It replaces a bridge destroyed by rains last August. (NLM 5/10)

May 15: Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein inspected a locomotive and coaches, "manufactured by cannibalising equipment," to be used on the Chaung-U-Pakkoku line. (NLM 5/16)

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Apr. 30: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 12/93 of April 30 establishes as a private joint-venture the Myanmar Airways International Company Limited "for the purpose of promoting International Airline Services," with an authorized capital of K9,089,632 divided into 14,706 shares of K618 each, of which 4,706 are subscribed by Myanma Airways, represented by its Managing Director, and 10,000 by Highsonic Enterprise Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Managing Director Mr. Wong Fong Fui, of Highsonic Enterprise Pte. Ltd. of 501 Thomson Road, Block A, SLF Complex, Singapore 1129. (NLM 5/1)

May 6: Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Notification No. 11/93 of May 6 establishes as a private joint-venture the Myanmar Glacier Tobacco Company Limited "for the purpose of production and marketing of cigarette and tobacco products and export trading," with an authorized capital of K25,740,000 divided into 2,574 shares of K10,000 each, of which 1,674 are subscribed by Myanma Foodstuff Industries, represented by its Managing Director, and 900 by Glacier Company Limited of Korea, represented by Managing Director Mr. Joo-Sung Kim, 33(A) Pyay Road (7th mile), Mayangone Twp., Yangon. \\ The joint venture "will improve No 2 Cigarette Factory in Pakokku and produce cigarettes and tobacco products for export and local consumption." (NLM 5/7)

May 25: A fisheries cooperation contract was signed between Myanmar-US Fisheries Co. Ltd., represented by Ms. Miriam Marshall Segal and U Htin Aung, Tian Jin Ocean Fisheries Co. Ltd., represented by Assistant Manager Su Yan Yu, and Dalian Pelagic Fisheries Co. Ltd. of China, represented by Manager Chao Ri King, at the Muse Hotel [in Shan State] on May 24. (NLM 5/26)

Agriculture

May 3: Speaking at the Myanma Farm Enterprise, Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung said production in 1992-93 was:

Paddy: 700 million baskets on 12.58 million acres
Groundnut: 38 million baskets on 1.2 million acres
Sesamum: 9.68 million baskets on 3.37 million acres
Beans and pulses: 29 million baskets on 3.7 million acres.
Exports: 481,000 tons of rice and pulses.

(NLM 5/4)

May 19: 163 Daedong power tillers made in Korea were imported by the Ministry of Agriculture; 81 8-horsepower and 82 11-horsepower. They can plough or harrow two acres a day. (NLM 5/20)

May 20: 640 power tillers from China will be distributed at the end of the month. The Yangon Division Township Co-operative Society has signed a contract for importing Chinese 960 power tillers through Eastbourne Myanmar Limited, of which 640 had arrived by May 20. (NLM

5/21)

Oil and Gas

May 5: Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein visited the Ahpyauk Oilfield in Zalun Twp. [Ayeyarwady]. At the Ngalarchaung Test-well No. 1 he said that the three test wells are producing 30 million cubic feet of gas per day, and that Test-well No. 3 is expected to produce 10 million. By May, the Ahpyauk Oilfield will be producing 40 million cubic feet of gas per day, which will be used to produce electric power for industry and to produce fertilizer. (NLM 5/6)

Income and Profit Tax

May 5: Taxpayers who have been assessed tax under the Profit Tax Law, and other with income over K10,000 during 1992-93 (except persons with income over K15,000 derived solely from "salaries") must file returns at the local Township Revenue office by June 30, 1993. Similar rules apply to co-operative societies, joint ventures, etc. (NLM 5/6)

Commodity Prices

May 6: Speaking to officials, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said that "the Committee for production and distribution of salt was formed in August 1992, for ensuring distribution of sufficient salt and to control the rising of salt prices to some extent.... He called on them to pay great attention in taking measures for distribution of salt and ensuring bringing down prices and to present difficulties openly at the meeting." \\ Speaking to fish breeding officials on May 5, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung said "Prices of fish will surely go down,...if there is a fish breeding pond in every village." (NLM 5/7)

May 19: Speaking to officials at Myanma Department Stores, Minister for Trade Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi "said that department stores and general stores served as main centres for supplying commodities of Trade. With the objective of selling goods to people when they were really in need at correct prices as much as the customers wished, efforts were made to realize the objective but the results had not been up to the desired stage.... This had been because there was no harmony between the distribution system and replenishing system. Goods distributed were much less than the demand. To overcome this problem...a special fund was set up and Enterprises and Tradings as well as the Myanma Department Stores were assigned duties to purchase goods and distribute them...."

Gemstones

May 7: Minister for Mines Maj-Gen. Kyaw Min viewed recently found gemstones, notably a 38.12 carat cabochon ruby from Mogok, of "first-grade quality and its weight is nearly half that of historically well-known royal Ngamauk ruby." In 1992-93, "gem mining camps under Mogok Gem Mining Centre--Yadana Kadaykadar, Shwe Pyi-aye, Pintkutaung, Pansho (Central Ore Washing) and Lin Yaung Chi--have extracted 235,000 carats of raw stones, over double the target. The Minister also examined a "highly translucent and flawless" 12 carat ruby from Monghsu in southern Shan State. Overall, the State and joint-ventures extracted 885,899 carats of raw stones [from Monghsu] as of March 1993. Monghsu rubies differ from Mogok rubies; some are "as bright as red diamonds." The Minister was shown a flawless 5.25 ruby called Nawayat Tharaphu from the Pyinlon Nawayat tract; from Dec. 1989-March 1993 248,000 carats of raw stones have been extracted. [photos] (NLM 5/8)

Economic Development

May 10: Speaking at the On-Job Training Course No. 2/93 for local LORC officials, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said "Gradual changes have been effected in political and economic sectors based on the prevailing conditions of our country without having suffered much

compared to other countries. Moreover, beginning from 1992-93, priority was given to economic undertakings with the result that the rate of economic growth achieved in the country was not less than that of other developing nations in Asia." The two-week course was attended by 500 trainees.

Restaurant and Beverage Sales

May 12: The Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism sold over K1,084,000,000 of food and drink during 1992-93, including K6 million from [border] motels in Muse, Kawthaung, and Mogok. (NLM 5/13)

Cooperatives

May 13: Speaking in Mandalay on May 11, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung "said that the aim of reforming the existing cooperative societies into new ones was not to narrow the cooperative movement but to widen the work.... [He] emphasized the programmes for reforming the existing cooperative societies in accordance with the new cooperative law, roles of executive committee members and personnel who hold shares of the new cooperative societies, privileges and duties of sub-commissions, wider concepts for reforming the cooperative societies and other matters." (NLM 5/14)

May 14: A Meiktila District Government Employee Cooperative Society (GEC) was formed, with a capital of K1.4 million, and 2,822 shares held by 2,465 members. (NLM 5/15)

New Timber Organization

May 13: The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has approved the formation of the Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association, with offices at No. 74/86 Bo Sun Pat Street, Pabedan Twp. [Yangon]. Citizens, economically organizations, foreign companies, and foreign company (branches) may join. (NLM 5/14)

Shortage of Railway Sleepers

May 17: Speaking to Myanma Timber Enterprise officials, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said that "Myanma Railways alone cannot afford to make arrangements for obtaining sleepers ["railway ties," in AmericanÄÄHMacD] and granite needed.... Three new railroadsÄÄShwenyaung-Lawksawk, Myingyan-Nwahtoegyí-Myoþa, and Aungban-Loikaw RailroadsÄÄhave been constructed; and four more new railroadsÄÄPakokku-Chaung-U, Budalin-Ye-U, Thanlyin-Thongwa-Khayan and Shwenyaung-Namsan RailroadsÄÄare under construction while arrangements are being made for construction of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad.... Up to now...only 1.8 million sleepers have been obtained out of six million needed for Myanma Railways...." (NLM 5/18)

Private Enterprises Registered

May 24: Speaking to the On-job Training Course No. 3/93 for local LORC officials, SLORC Secretary-2 Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said that, as of the end of 1992, the State had permitted the registration of 8,762 private enterprises, comprising:

- 4,596 exporters and importers
- 933 business representatives
- 1,986 Myanmar Limited Companies
- 818 private partnerships
- 166 foreign firms and branches
- 27 Myanmar Joint-Venture Corporations
- 20 Joint Ventures authorized by the Foreign Investment

Commission

- 28 Chambers of Commerce, and of Commerce and Industry
- 188 private tourism services

(NLM 5/25)

Timber Conservation

May 28: Speaking at the Central Institute of Public Services,

Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe "said that reciprocal accusations were being made by developed and developing nations concerning global environmental issues. At the 14th International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO) meeting held in Kuala Lumpur from 11 to 19 May, 1993, representatives from tropical countries raised the point that exports of tropical timbers accounted for merely 10 per cent of the volume trade on the world markets while timber from temperate countries accounted for the remaining 90 per cent. It was therefore unfair that restrictions were being enforced only on tropical forest produced, he said. [He] went on to say that accusations had also been made against Myanmar implying that Myanmar's forests had been exploited recklessly since the State Law and Order Restoration Council assumed the power of the State. But the FAO Statistical Data published in 1992 says that Myanmar's forest cover is still in good shape.... Making a choice between conservation and utilization, the Minister said, priority would be given to conservation.... One of the main causes of deforestation, he said, was the traditional practice of slash and burn cultivation. Effective measures should urgently be taken to educate the nationalities who practise shifting cultivation...." (NLM 5/29)

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	81.34	96.02	95.98
1993, as of:			
May 1	00.00	00.04	00.08
May 15	00.24	00.59	00.08
May 30	09.53	12.52	10.75

SPORTS

Sports Articles

May 3,10,16,24,31: Exclusively yours in sports, by Ivan King. [(1) The new National Olympic Council Law "I feel will be the saviour of Myanmar sports, and we all look forward to better management and better control...." (2) Memories of field hockey playing in Myanmar. (3) Plans for South-East Asian Games in Singapore, but will not compete in 8 of the 29 sports involved because of inability to field good teams. (4) Hope that reported rift in Myanmar soccer circles will not prejudice the South-East Asian Games Myanmar team; review of boxing, martial arts, and weight lifting. (5) Need for renewed sports leadership in schools.]

May 18: Unity achieved unsought, by Moe Moe Tarosan. [1983 Myanmar victories in XII South-East Asian Games.]

May 25: Myanma Equestrian Sports to be revived, by Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw). [Proposed revival of traditional activity is set for October.]

May 30: SEA Games, Singapore, June 1993, by Kyaw Swe Aung. [Myanmar will compete in 16 of the 29 events at the 17th Games, namely: shooting, cycling, soccer, physical culture, hand fencing, men's volleyball, yachting, traditional regatta, karatedo, track & field, boxing, taekwando, caneball across the net, men's weightlifting, judo, and swimming and diving. At the 16th Games in Manila in 1991, Myanmar competed in 22 events, and won 12 golds, 16 silvers, and 29 bronzes, ending up with a standing of sixth.]

Hole-in-One

May 18: WO Myint Soe scored a hole-in-one on the first hole of the Defence Services Golf Course, using an Altus 7 golf ball and a

No. 7 club. (NLM 5/19)

HEALTH

Health Articles

May 12: Minimizing Radiological Hazards to Patients, by Khin Maung Tin (Radiation Health). [Need for caution, minimizing of exposure, and adequate training.]

May 24: Ministering angels with gentle hands and tender hearts, by Main Kyaw Min. [Praise of nursing and nurses.]

May 28: Traditional health care and beliefs, by Dr. Hla Kyi (Nutrition). [Importance of breast-feeding and feeding on demand; virtues of oiled rice and bananas for babies; nursing mothers' diets.]

Nurse Honored by ICRC

May 12: The International Committee of the Red Cross has awarded its Florence Nightingale Medal to Matron Daw U Yaw Nan of the People's Hospital, Muse Township [Shan]. In 1986-87 she heroically treated over 500 patients during an insurgent attack, donating her own blood, and visiting nearby villages. She also adopted and has brought up twins delivered by a woman who died. [photo] (NLM 5/13)

CULTURAL

Sunday Supplements

For some years, the Working People's Daily/New Light of Myanmar has included a four-page literary/cultural/economic supplement in almost every Sunday issue, containing feature articles, stories, and poems, frequently in series extending for many weeks or months. Frequently, this supplement has also been separately paginated (from A-D). In recent issues, poems and stories have been largely supplanted by economic articles. We have hitherto summarized the items in this supplement, without special identification, in the appropriate sections of the Burma Press Summary. Henceforward, however, we shall treat this supplement as a separate category, placing it in the time being in the CULTURAL category. HCMacD.]
Sunday, May 2

ÄÄ A bison hunter's safari story, by Maung Hsu Shin. [Life and works of "Ma Thon Lon" Sein Win, whose story Pyaung Pit moksoe (Bison Hunter) won third prize for fiction in the 1967 National Literary Awards.]

ÄÄ 'Saingwaing', the pride of Myanmar, by Tekkatho Maung Thu Hlaing. [History and description of the traditional Myanmar orchestra and its instruments.]

ÄÄ Farmers' bund building programme, by Myo Kyaw Aung. [Project for draining fields, christened by Minister for Agriculture Maj-Gen. Myint Aung.]

ÄÄ Filling up the lakes and water reservoirs, by Myint Lwin Thein (Pyawbwe). [Resolving silting problems in Pyawbwe Township {Mandalay}.]

ÄÄ To make more earnest efforts for boosting agricultural output, by Theimm Htut. [Samon embankment project in Thazi Township {Mandalay}.]

ÄÄ Fruits of new Aungban-Loikaw Union railroad, by Naychi Kyaw Myint (Aungban). [Construction of newly opened line described.]
Sunday, May 9

ÄÄ Short stories reflecting different walks of life, by Hein. [Life and works of Writer Myint Yi (Tamarmyay), whose collection of seven Short Stories, entitled Ashikan, won fourth prize in the 1968 Literary Awards.]

ÄÄ The harmonic 'Pattalar' instrument, by Tekkatho Maung Thu Hlaing. [History and description of the traditional Myanmar xylophone.]

ÄÄ Royal Equestrian Festival, by Saw Mon Hnyin. [Description of traditional events.]

ÄÄ Reclaim and cultivate abandoned, virgin land, by Nyein Chann Oo. [Exhortation to cultivate new lands.]

ÄÄ Ta-ping, Nga Hsaung Chann, Bayint Naung, by Tin Hlaing Nyunt. [Construction activities near site where 60,000 Myanmar warriors battled 1,565,000 Mongols in 1277.]

ÄÄ Poem: Interment, by San San Tin [in English and Burmese].
Sunday, May 16

ÄÄ A man in the dark, by Maung Shu Shin. [Life and works of Maung Zaniya, whose novel Khabaik-hnike (Pickpocket) won fourth prize in the 1965 Fiction Awards.]

ÄÄ Musicians and musical instruments of old Myanmar, by Tekkatho Maung Thu Hlaing. [Music from Pyu to Konbaung times.]

ÄÄ The new and beautiful city of Ratnabon, by Soe Myat. [New satellite town 24 miles from Mandalay on the way to Pyin-Oo-Lwin {Maymyo}. Of 1,100 house plots, 540 have been sold for from K100,000 to K150,000. Lamp posts on the Mandalay-Lashio road through the town have been installed and power supplied. Buildings worth K2,200,000 are to be constructed in the three Wards of the town. Water supply discussed.]

ÄÄ Do your best to produce paddy surplus, by Aung San (Sike Pyo Yay). [Need to produce 800 million baskets of paddy in 1993-94.]

ÄÄ Poem: There in the distance, by Monywa Win Pe [in English and Burmese].

ÄÄ Pyus of Myanmar at the dawn of history, by Tin Tun. [Survey of Pyu history and culture.]

ÄÄ From 30 wells to 90 million gallons of water, by Tin Maung Latt (Lanmadaw). [Recent evolution of Yangon water supply.]

ÄÄ Conservation of Myanmar natural forests, by Myo Set Thit. [KNU's wanton destruction of Myanmar's forests.]

Sunday, May 23

ÄÄ Weather forecast: the Myanmar way, by Pe Than. [Popular weather proverbs and prophecies.]

ÄÄ Orchestra Leader Nemyo Bala Kyaw Thu Sein Beda, by Tekkatho Maung Thu Hlaing. [Biography of musician in late Konbaung times.]

ÄÄ Short Story: Going on a pilgrimage, by U Pho Kyarr.

ÄÄ The China-Myanmar friendship bridge of Thanlyin, by Maung Maung Soe. [Almost completed bridge between Yangon and Thanlyin {Syriam}].

ÄÄ The Kayah State is forging ahead, by Shwe Baw Phyeo (Sindewa). [Development in the State.]

ÄÄ Beitthano, the capital city of Pyus, by Tin Tun. [Description of city destroyed about 200 AD.]

Sunday, May 30

ÄÄ Life's varied experiences, by Hein. [Life and works of Writer Yan Aung, whose Kyonle Bonbwe Ah-htwe-htwe won second price for short stories in the 1965 Literary Awards.]

ÄÄ Myanma oboe and old time oboeists, by Teikkatho Maung Thu Hlaing. [Description and history of traditional Myanmar "oboe," and famous oboeists.]

ÄÄ Pyu State: The pride of Myanmars, by Sayawun Tin Shwe. [All the antiques in American museums, over 200 years old, are foreign; their own exhibits are all modern. "The five bronze figurines of Pyu musicians, illustrated here, should be familiar to readers as they are already world-famous. These figurines are known to have been excavated from the Payama Pagoda near Pyay {Prome}. The about six-inch figurines look like ordinary children's playthings. they were put on display in a glass showcase at the Srikestra museum near Pyay. The Museum, in Myanmar eyes, was just an ordinary museum, but in the eyes of foreigners it was an invaluable collection of antiques over one thousand years old. One day, the Museum was burgled and the figurines got stolen. they somehow arrived at the American antiques market. The asking price for the five figurines was 50,000 dollars. This was not an insignificant sum. A necessity they arose to see if they really were Pyu period artifacts. The buyer was going to give the asking price if the figurines were found to be genuine antiques. And thus it came upon my friend mentioned above {'one Dr (?) a South-

East Asian Anthropologist from the Cleveland University'} to see if the figurines were genuine antiques. At about this time an article by Nai Pan Hla (excuse me if the name is wrong) {it is quite correct--HCMacD.} about the theft of the figurines appeared in the Working Peoples' Daily. This caused a stir in the US antiques market. Is was as if both sellers and buyers were going to get into trouble. The International Law does not allow such trade in stolen antiques. And thus, the wealthy man who had these figurines in possession, sent them back to the Government of Myanmar. This should be a matter of pride to who wrote that article in the Working Peoples' Daily."]

ÄÄ A trip into the second crop paddy fields, by (Mawgyun) Myint Aung. [Visit to Mawlamyaingyunn Township {Ayeyarwady}.]

ÄÄ Reclaiming precious swampy land, by Myint Zarni Swe. [In Nyaungdon, Ayeyarwady Division.]

ÄÄ Poem: Lovely celestial lady, by Monywa Win Pe. [In English and Burmese.]

Literary and Cultural Articles

May 2: Kachin State Hill Regions Buddhist Mission Centre and Buddha's Tooth Relic, by Aung Chit. [When English conquered Myanmar in 1886, they separated the hill peoples from the plains people administratively and religiously, and "foreign religious missions" were established in the Kachin Hill Tracts "and began propagating their religion." The two races were thus "for many years deprived of an opportunity to foster mutual love and understanding. As a result of this divide and rule tactics, our hills peoples have not had an opportunity to enjoy the cultural heritage of Buddhism." To counter this, the "Hills Regions Buddhist Missionary Organization" was established in 1947 to undertake missionary work. History of the Centre recounted, and current flourishing state described.]

May 3,10,16,24,31: Bird Watching, by Hmugyi Hla Aung. [Cont. (2) Literary history of birdwatching in Myanmar; list of Myanmar birds (Nos. 1-74), with Burmese, English, and Scientific names. (3) Birds of different habitats; nomenclature of birds (23 terms in Burmese and English); more Myanmar birds listed (Nos. 75-121). (4) Description of various Myanmar birds; more Myanmar birds listed (Nos. 122-142). (5) Bird songs and calls; more Myanmar birds listed (Nos. 143-159). (6) Nest building habits; more Myanmar birds listed (Nos. 160-202).]

May 4: The Glass Palace Chronicles for every Myanmar's bookshelf, by U Soe Nyunt. [Importance of the Myanmar history commissioned by King Bagyidaw in 1837 A.D. Long excerpts describing the Nyaungyoe Battle against the Mon and King Anaukphetlun's capture of the Portuguese at Thanlyin {Syriam}].

May 5: A prologue to an Anthology of Myanmar Literature, Vol IV, by U Soe Nyunt. [Review of contents, which date from 1214-1279 {ME}].

May 13: Welcoming a university of culture, by Win Pa. [Development of fine arts training in Myanmar since independence, culminating in the announcement of a forthcoming University of Culture.]

May 20: The Peik-Chin-Maung Maha Nandamu Cave, by Soe Myat. [Need for pilgrimages, and donations, to this historic cave near Pyin-Oo-Lwin.]

May 23: A new era for art, by Win Pa. [A water color painting by the living artist U Kyaw Thaung recently brought K120,000 at at the Inya Lake Hotel Art Gallery, a new record for Myanmar contemporary art. All art has received a tremendous boost under the SLORC.]

May 31: Wet fun to Myanmar New Year, by Anthony Tan. [Article of Water Festival, reprinted from the April 23, 1993, The Star (North) of Malaysia.]

Monastic Schools

May 2: A monastic education school, attended by 54 boys and girls, opened at Salin Kyaung Taik in Kyimyindine Township [Yangon].

(NLM 5/3)

May 30: Teaching began at monasteries in Bahann Township [Yangon]. (NLM 5/31)

Universities

May 8: The Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) held its 13th convocation, and Rector Dr. Ko Lay conferred degrees on 55 students. (NLM 5/9)

May 10: The deadline for fees payment at the University of Distance Education has been extended from May 12 to June 4. (NLM 5/11)

May 20: The University for Development of National Races (UDNR) will "reopen regular four-year primary school teachership courses, one-year middle school teachership course, and one-year B.Ed graduation course beginning 1 June." (NLM 5/21)

Ancient Buildings Restored

May 5: The ancient Maha Dhammakayama Shwekyin Taikmagyi in Mandalay North-West Township has "been already reconstructed to regain its original style." (NLM 5/6)

May 11: The htidaw of the restored ancient U-daung-dat Pagoda at U-daung village, 14 miles SW of Maungdaw [Rakhine], was raised. The Pagoda was built in 239 BC by Rakhine King Thuriya Cakka and Queen Rusita Devi, and renovated in 1532 AD by King Minba, but later fell into ruins. It was rebuilt in 1991. (NLM 5/12)

Conversions to Buddhism

May 7: On May 5, 244 Khami nationals of 50 households in Paletwa Twp. [Chin], "who used to be nat believers, became Buddhists" (NLM 5/8)

May 14: On Jan. 29, 308 persons from 55 households in Daw Paw Ku village, Pekhonn Twp. [Southern Shan], became Buddhists. (NLM 5/15)

1993 Haj

May 19: A ceremony to honor the 200 1993 Myanmar Haj Pilgrims was held; speaker was Haji U Ba Than of the Haj Pilgrims Scrutiny and Selection Committee. (NLM 5/ 20)

May 22: The second batch of 100 pilgrims left for Mecca. [We have not seen any report of the departure of the first 100] (NLM 5/23)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime

May 8: Two competing optical shops fought with each other on Sule Pagoda Road [Yangon] Apr. 24, destroying 127 pairs of spectacles and causing K200,000 damage and a broken head. (NLM 5/9)

May 13: A notorious pick-pocket, who worked bus lines in Mandalay, Yangon, and Sagaing, was arrested May 8 in Mandalay [details]. (NLM 5/14)

May 19: A clerk of the Latha Township Development Committee was arrested for taking bribes of K450 from a Shan noodle vendor. (NLM 5/20)

May 20: A woman making imitation Lucky Strike cigarettes was arrested in Yangon on May 19. She put Chinese tobacco in used Lucky Strike packets and sold them for K30 each. (NLM 5/22)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Apr. 30: During March the Tatmadaw seized 306.2 kilos of opium and 1 kilo of heroin. Police seized 60.9 kilos of opium (51 cases), 1.2 kilos of opium oil (4 cases), 36.3 kilos of heroin (149 cases), 67.9 kilos of marijuana (60 cases), and 75.3 litres of phensedyl (18 cases). It exposed 170 cases of failure to register for drug addiction and 7 other drug-related cases. Action was taken against 565 persons in 459 cases. (NLM 5/1)

Apr. 30: The Taunggyi anti-drug squad on Apr. 14 seized 9.5

kilos of raw opium in Tikyit village, Aungban Twp. The Mawlamyine anti-drug squad on Apr. 3 seized 7.2 kilos of raw opium in Mottama [Martaban]. (NLM 5/1)

May 12: Railway police in Feb. 24 seized 6.5 kilos of raw opium on the Pinlaung-Aungban train. (NLM 5/13)

May 14: The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on May 3 seized 0.7 kilo of heroin in Mogaung. Railway police on Mar. 3 seized 5.2 kilos of raw opium on the Pinlaung-Aungban train. The Taunggyi anti-drug squad on May 2 seized 3.6 kilos of raw opium at Yinmhi village, Pinlaung Twp. [Shan]. (NLM 5/15)

May 15: The Yangon anti-drug squad on May 13 seized 1.1 kilos of heroin in Shwepyitha Twp. from two locations. (NLM 5/16)

May 16: Authorities in Muse [Shan] on May 4 seized 10.1 kilos of raw opium, 2.7 kilos of opium oil, 0.06 kilo of dried opium, 0.9 kilo of opium powder, and refinery equipment. On Apr. 21, authorities in Muse seized 0.3 kilo of heroin on the Muse-Kyukok highway. (NLM 5/17)

May 19: During April, the Tatmadaw seized 72 kilos of opium and 11.6 litres of Phensedyl. Police seized 99.4 kilos of opium (48 cases), 0.3 kilo of opium liquid (3 cases), 12.1 kilos of heroin (141 cases), 13.6 kilos of marijuana (40 cases), and 143.8 litres of Phensedyl (18 cases); they took action in 146 cases of failure to register and 4 other drug-related cases. Altogether the police took action against 533 people in 400 cases. (NLM 5/20)

May 21: Soldiers and police destroyed over 20 acres of poppy plantations between Feb. 10 and Mar. 10 in Tonzang and Tiddim Townships [Chin]. (NLM 5/22)

May 29: The Kyaing Tong anti-drug squad on Apr. 27 seized 6 kilos of marijuana in Mae Yan Village, Tachilek Twp. [Shan]. (NLM 5/30)

Obituaries

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

May 6: Daw May (Pyinmana), widow of Dr. A. Meah, died in Yangon, aged 94. (NLM 5/ 7)

May 9: Thra Tha Hto (B.A; B.L), husband of the late Thramu Naw Daimay, died in Yangon, aged 91. [Christian] (NLM 5/10)

May 15: Miss Anthonima Frances, widow of Mr. Frances Anthony (MEIC), died in in Yangon, aged 52. [Christian] (NLM 5/16)

May 17: Lt-Col. Tin Ohn (Retd.), MBBS (Ygn), FRCP(Edin), DTM&H (Eng), husband of Daw Khin Saw Aye, died in Sydney, Australia, aged 62. (NLM 5/18)

May 17: Daw Ruth Mg Pe (a) Daw Yu, relict of the the late Bishop John Mg Pe, died in Yangon, aged 78. [Christian] (NLM 5/18)

May 17: Hussany Seyed Shaikh Haji Rahmantullah-Khalifa of Silsilah Aliah-Quadria-Chisitiyah-Seherwardia-Twabquatiyuh-Naqshbandiay, died in Dawei [Tavoy], aged 64. [Muslim] (NLM 5/20)

no date given: Dr. Myint Tin, (Ph.D) L.S.E. (CTA-UNDP) Sierra Leone, (Former Lecturer of the Institute of Economics, Yangon. Director-General, C.S.O.) died in London. [Acknowledgment of gratitude] (NLM 5/29)

Funeral of Bago Myoma Sayadawgyi

Preparations for the crematorial rites of the Bago Myoma Sayadawgyi, State Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Bhaddanta Indacara, who died on Apr. 28, received extensive coverage through the month. Extensive cash and other donations from individuals and organizations were reported at length. Visits to the remains by diplomats from Buddhist countries were noted.

May 11: The most venerable hero of Sasana, by Aung Nyunt. [Article on the late Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indacara, head of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Board, who died at the age of 97 and whose funeral is under way.]

May 21: The patient, tolerant & persevering Sayadawgyi, by Ma Kywe Kywe. [Biographic facts and praise for deceased Bago Myoma

Sayadawgyi.]

May 22: The Chairman Sayadaw's love and goodwill, by Sayawun Tin Shwe. [His service to lepers recounted.]

May 22: "Tens of thousands of Buddhists thronged to Kaba Aye Hill to pay last homage to the remains of Bago Myoma Sayadawgyi Bhaddanta Indacara, age 97, vass 77, today, on the 3rd Waxing of Nayon (22 May, 1993), the day of the crematorial rites." The event was attended by many religious and government officials, including SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt, as well as representatives of the Embassies of China, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, and Russia. [extensive details and photos] (NLM 5/23)

May 23: The relics and ashes of the cremated Sayadawgyi were placed adrift in a golden bowl, according to tradition, and drifted for three minutes before sinking. [photos] (NLM 5/24)

Statistics Book Available

Apr. 30: "A book on financial, economic and social situations for 1993-94 of the Union of Myanmar in Myanmar language is available at K 80 at Sarpay Beikman book shop at No 529, Merchant Street, Yangon, it is learnt." (NLM 5/1)

Fires

May 1: 208 cases of fire were recorded in Myanmar in March, which destroyed 1,433 houses, 8 work establishments, and 2 godowns, and left 5,908 persons homeless. Five persons were killed and 33 injured. 186 of the fires, or 89%, were due to negligence. (NLM 5/2)

May 13: A fire which started in No. 6 Ward in Myingyan [Mandalay] on May 12 destroyed 1,500 buildings in Ward No. 6 and 700 in Ward No. 5, including three primary schools and a cinema. Firemen from Myingyan, Meiktila, Mahlaing, Kyaukpadaung, Taungtha, Nyaung-U, Ngahtogyi, and Mandalay fought the blaze. (NLM 5/14) // May 19: Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thuang Myint met with the fire victims. (NLM 5/20)

May 27: During April, there were 203 fires in Myanmar, that destroyed 2,356 houses, 30 factories, and 2 warehouses, and left 11,704 persons homeless. Five were killed and three injured. 1,569 animals were also killed. Of the 203 fires, 172 were negligent kitchen fires. (NLM 5/28)

Marriage

Feb. 13: Mg G.H.T. Sawm Pau, B.A.(Philo); M.A. (Philo of Sc); Ex W.O.II, U.T.C, Department of Philosophy; Mandalay University, son of U Hen Nang and Daw Awi Khaw Niang married Ma Awi Sawm Za Cing, B.A.(Hist) III yr (D.U.); Tiddim TLORC office, daughter of U Kham Do Lian and Daw Uap Za Cing, in Tiddim [Chin]. (NLM 5/8)

Accidents

May 11: A speeding bus was involved in a head-on collision with a truck in Thingangyunn Twp. [Yangon], injuring 15 people, nine of whom are hospitalized. [photo] (NLM 5/12)

May 20: An over-loaded 24-foot sampan carrying over 30 passengers sank while crossing Ngamoeyeik Creek from Shukhintha point to Kamarkyi Street in Thuwunna, and five passengers are missing. (NLM 5/21)

Earthquakes

May 14: An earthquake of slight intensity (4.0 Richter) was recorded at 09:08:50 local time, with epicenter about 30 miles NE of Magway. (NLM 5/15)

May 18: An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.2 Richter) was recorded at 16:56:38 local time, with epicenter about 370 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 5/19)

Engagement

May 18: Maung Aung Khin (a) S.M. Abbas Ali, son of U Aung Tun

and Daw Khin Khin, has become engaged to Miss Zehreen Hosain, daughter of Mr. Mohamed Sadiq Hosain and Mrs. Shireen Hosain. (NLM 5/18)

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