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-- Press Conference by UN Human Rights Representative Prof. Yozo Yokota (POLITICAL CRISIS)

-- Overtures to Insurgents (POLITICAL CRISIS)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The future of the Burma Press Summary is in doubt. Despite strenuous efforts, no issues of The New Light of Myanmar were received for December 1993 or January 1994. As of writing, our subscription seems to be reestablished as of February 3, 1994, but we have not yet found a source for the missing issues.

Whether we continue the Burma Press Summary at all, however, will depend in large extent to how subscribers respond to this message. If you find this publication genuinely useful, please write me immediately as to why it should be continued, and/or how it might be improved. I will assume that subscribers who do not respond find the Summary of marginal interest, and are prepared to see it die.

A final decision will probably be made after the meeting of the Burma Studies Group in Boston at the end of March.

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POLITICAL CRISIS

Slogans

Regular Slogans: See January 1993 issue; notably, the bottom of

each front page continues to bear the slogan Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

Variable Slogans: Since August 1991, each issue has included a changing religious slogan at the top of each front page:

Nov. 1-16: Tapo ca, ascetic practices; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Nov. 17-30: Brahmachariyanca, chastity; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Cartoons

Nov. 6: Customer to store clerk: "Superb ...according to the Ad! But if otherwise, will you give a refund?"

Nov. 7: One girl to another: "No trouble waiting for my boyfriend. I'm quite used to waiting everyday...for the bus."

Nov. 8: First Myanmar: "Serves me right for putting off doing work at the office." Second Myanmar: "Too bad! My girlfriend keeps putting off our date now and again."

Nov. 9: First Myanmar: "Why are candles getting short?" Second Myanmar: "Don't ask me. Ask those who make candles."

Nov. 16: First woman: "Was afraid of men before." Second woman: "Now, no more. Tamed by bus rides."

Nov. 17: Myanmar (in car) to Friend: "When I was poor, I was really [sic] afraid to go to court. But now since I'm well off, I fear no more."

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:

Nov. 2: To Whom It May Concern, by Mani Zota. ["In our land where Theravada Buddhism flourishes we do not desire to see, nor hear about, a small group of avaricious persons creating trouble for a great majority of the people.... We do not intend to comment upon the high cost of consumer stores: but we are not entirely satisfied that, in our country that is bountiful in good grains, rice prices and cooking oil prices should be so high despite the fact that the climate has been extremely favourable, paddy production has been unprecedentedly abundant and milling and distribution system have been very good as are being glaringly seen by one and all. And we cannot accept such a state of affairs.

"We have witnessed a similar era in the past. It was when the social democrats of the AFPFL-Socialism ruled the country and rolled in wealth. Those persons issued import and export licenses to each and every one of their wives, sons, daughter, nephews and nieces. Recipients of these licenses sold them to alien capitalist traders.... Today the State Law and Order Restoration Council has begun to practice a market-oriented economy and economic reforms. The government itself is encouraging a free and co-operative trading system in the place of a previous centrally controlled system. There is therefore no more need today for black-market carriers to make a nuisance of themselves on the Mawlamyaing train.

Television sets, radio cassettes, sound recorders, iceboxes and such like consumer stores are now being sold by private enterprise within the country more cheaply than in foreign countries. Foreigners who are now in the country themselves admit that other personal goods and Myanmar clothing are far cheaper here than in foreign countries. Even where soft drinks are concerned, Pepsi Cola and Coca Cola that cost a dollar a bottle in foreign countries cost much less in Myanmar. And this is being pointed out by Europeans themselves." On Oct. 21, Yangon Commander Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt warned that blackmarketeers, hoarders, and price fixers would be punished. "Economic insurgency motivated by excessive greed with an unworthy thought of seeking one's welfare at the expense of all others, is a sin.... It is most important for them to realize that it is sinful to

cause misery to the poor masses of the people purely for self-enrichment...."]

Nov. 2: Try and answer these questions, by Saw Daung Nyo. ["Why does the KNU not want to pluck the flower of peace, as the ten other organizations had done? Why do they not desire Peace?.... Why have the KNU muted the laughter of the children and owners of pure hearts and why are they continuing to brutally kill and main by use of bombs and mines and why have they not stopped their dastardly deeds? Why have the KNU crushed {sic} used their calloused and bloody hands to crush the tender and pure hearts of the children?"]

Nov. 23: Bloody.....but unbowed, by Ko Kyi (Pyin Oo Lwin). [1886 accounts of Burmese resistance to British conquest; and Prince Myingun's letter claiming the throne.]

Nov. 29: Ask what all of can do in unity for peace and prosperity, by Min Kyaw Min. [The "peace initiative" launched by the SLORC, extended to the armed groups, is legal and should be joined by all.]

Special Refresher Courses

Nov. 13: Special Refresher Course No. 1 for Officers of the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs began, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. "He spoke of the need to keep a constant vigil region-wise against destructive forces, both within and without the country, who are resorting to various means and manoeuvring to undermine the political stability of the country and unity among the national races, which they cannot bear to see." (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 19: Special Refresher Course No. 4 for Senior Assistant Teachers and Junior Assistant Teachers concluded, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, in the presence of numerous cabinet ministers. He "said as the number of trainee teachers who have attended the Courses No 1 to 4 was more than 6,000 and that of the teachers of universities, institutes and colleges more than 6,000, it is to be said a more-than-12,000-strong force of patriotic teachers with fresh ideas and outlook and renewed vigour are now serving the State's welfare in education field.... He underscored the importance of history-based organization of students to grow up into persons who love their own race and nation, uphold the prestige of Myanmar and appreciate and admire Myanma cultural characteristics...." (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 29: Special Refresher Course No. 2 for People's Police Force Officers opened, and was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thinn. The four-month course is being attended by 249 PPF officers: 6 colonels, 17 lieutenant-colonels, 31 superintendents, and 195 deputy superintendents. (NLM 11/30)

Returnees from Bangladesh

[Articles reporting the return of refugees from Bangladesh always list the cumulative total since Sept. 22, 1992; either not all such reports are published, or the totals are erroneous. We print those reports we note in NLM--HCMacD.]

Nov. 2: 388 persons from 83 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp from Bangladesh on Oct. 31 "under the agreement reached between Myanmar and Bangladesh," bringing the total since Sept. 22, 1992, to 44,221. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 3: 443 persons from 94 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 2, bringing the total to 44,664. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 5: 515 persons from 107 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 4, bringing to total to 45,179. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 8: 439 "abscondee" from 98 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 6, bringing the total to 45,618. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 11: 410 persons from 95 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 10, bringing the total to 46,576. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 15: 551 persons from 128 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 13, bringing the total to 47,127. (NLM

11/16)

Nov. 18: 515 persons from 115 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 17, bringing the total to 48,029. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 23: 546 persons from 124 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 20, bringing the total to 48,575. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 24: 202 persons from 48 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on Nov. 22, bringing the total to 48,777. (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 29: 444 persons from 97 households returned to Kayinchaung camp on Nov. 27, bringing the total to 49,991. (NLM 11/30)

Prisoners Released

Nov. 10: 27 persons were released from Maubin Jail under SLORC Declaration No. 11/92. (NLM 11/11)

Union Solidarity & Development Assoc.

[Throughout the month there were daily reports of the formation of Union Solidarity and Development Associations at the local, township, district, and state/division levels.]

Oct. 31: Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Secretary of the USDA, attended the formation of the Sagaing Division, Sagaing District, and Sagaing Township USDAs. He said the Association "will enable all the national races to participate in unity and concentrate solely on the national cause. He said that efforts will be made to develop mutual friendship among them, promote their customs and traditions, cultural traits, literature and arts and strive for economic development and lasting unity of national races. He also said that the association will sponsor or initiate public affairs such as welfare, regional security, education and health.... He then spoke of the need for each and everyone to be active and united to bring about national development...." (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 1: A coordination meeting on forming USDAs in Mandalay Division was held at Central Command Headquarters, attended by Central Commander Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than and Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung. (NLM 11/2)

Human Rights Violations Denied

Nov. 3: The October 30 issue of the Bangkok Post contains a letter from "a concerned Myanmar citizen....written in refute of an article by Anuraj Manibhandu which was carried in the esteemed newspaper on 8 October about alleged human rights violations in Myanmar." The letter [photocopy printed in NLM], headlined "Human Rights in Burma," categorically denies all charges of human rights violations in Myanmar, and points to the signing of four Geneva Conventions in August 1993. (NLM 11/3)

Four Independence Day Objectives

Nov. 3: Speaking to the Independence Anniversary Celebrations flag-raising subcommittee, Yangon Commander Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt outlined "the four objectives laid down by the State...." for Independence Day Celebrations:

"He said the essence of the first objective is to involve the entire mass of the people in constant efforts in unity and cohesion to protect and perpetuate the nation's independence and sovereignty and therefore, it is the duty of all nationals to protect and preserve the nation's independence and sovereignty even if they had to sacrifice their lives. He said this is being said to make the youths understand and be aware of how independence was regained after much struggle waged by the people and the extent of ill effects they had suffered under serfdom.... It is necessary for the Tatmadaw and the people to work hand in hand for perpetuation of sovereignty of the State. Thus, he said, it is the bounden duty of all citizens who are patriots to work in this respect.

"He said the second objective is to vitalize patriotism and

nationalist fervour.... He said ancient culture of the country is being revived through the holding of Myanmar traditional festivals to remind the people of high cultural values which existed in the country centuries ago. He said patriotism is not something which flares up quickly and dies down like a wild-fire, but is the everlasting desire to bring about perpetuity of the State and the economic wellbeing of the people. He said patriotism and the love of one's race and religion are the noble aspirations of all citizens. Those who are born and bred in the country must love and cherish one's culture, traditions and customs and this is an innate duty. This being so, he said, the leaders of the State and the people throughout the different eras loved the country and its people more than their lives and made ultimate sacrifice, felt deeply hurt when the country and the people were offended in any way and their blood boiled in wrath. They sacrificed everything for the love of the country and the race, he said.

"He said the third objective is to involve all citizens in efforts for the emergence of the State Constitution. Regarding this, the Government held preliminary meeting of the National Convention to coordinate matters on different discussion groups and the list of delegates. The National Convention was held and State fundamental principles were obtained. Soon, interesting points on each chapter will be discussed and coordinated and the National Convention will be held for the emergence of a durable State Constitution.

He said the fourth objective is to bring about development and create a peaceful and modern State. He said in order to do this the Union Solidarity and Development Association has been formed. He said this objective is included as one of the six objectives of the association and hence all with patriotic spirit will become members of the USDA and work for the development and creation of a peaceful and modern State.

"In making such efforts, he said, there is the danger of one-time politicians and self-seekers, those with ulterior motives who would want to get protection from the association and opportunists who will quickly become members. It is up to ward elders, teachers and those who desire the development of the State and want to create a peaceful and modern State, to take part and help in identifying and exposing such persons. He urged all those who would really work and who possess nationalist spirit to make efforts for the emergence of a peaceful and modern State and to seriously consider the implementation of the four objectives of the 46th Anniversary of the Independence." (NLM 11/4)

Wa National Leaders

Nov. 12: Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt received Wa National Leader U Pau Yu Chan and party of Special Region 2, Shan State (North), and discussed "agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health, roads/bridges construction, mineral extraction, anti-drug, security and other development undertakings of the region." (NLM 11/13)

UN Human Rights Representative

Nov. 9: Prof. Yozo Yokota, representative of the UN Commission on Human Rights, with two others, arrived. (NLM 11/10) // Nov. 10: He visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and Dagon University, and called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 11/11) // Nov. 11: He called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Red Cross President Dr. Tin Oo, and Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr. Tin Tun. (NLM 11/12) // Nov. 12: He visited Yangon General Hospital, No. 2 Military Hospital, and the Insein Central Jail. (NLM 11/13) // Nov. 14: He visited reception camps in Maungtaw Twp., Rakhine State. (NLM 11/15) // Nov. 15: He called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, leader of the SLORC Information Committee. He also visited the Tiger Parahita School for Development of National Races, and the Jivitadana Sangha Hospital.

(NLM 11/16) // Nov. 16: He departed. (NLM 11/17)
Press Conference

Nov. 17: Prof. Yozo Yokota talked to newsmen in the VIP lounge of Yangon International Airport [full text]:

U Sein Win (Kyoto): We understand that you have met some persons in Insein Jail and also those outside the jail. The first question is what are the names of these people? The second question is, is there any improvement in human rights related situation in the country?

Professor Yozo Yokota: I met two persons, one is General Tin Oo and another is Dr Aung Khin Sint. I met leaders of the political parties. I don't have the names. Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the NLD and also National Unity Party EC members, and also Kayin National League. U Sein Win: The second question is about improvement in human rights related situation compared to your previous visit.

Yokota: Of course, no country is exactly the same over a year. Things change and I see actually many changes in the past one year since I came here last December. Particularly encouraging changes in the field of human rights and in the area of economic and social fields: improvements in the city life, infrastructure and the schools. Of course, new townships of Dagon and Hlinethaya. I see changes...over the last one year, I saw university buildings not complete yet...I did not see last year. I find also an encouraging sign. There is an agreement between the government and UNHCR on the repatriation of the Rakhine Muslim population from Bangladesh. This is also a positive sign of improvement in situation.

U Mg Mg (Ji Ji Press): Professor, this is your third visit to Myanmar and if I recall correctly your first visit was in 1991, your second visit was in 1992. Regarding your remarks and observations you have just made...one the whole, do you mean to say that since the first visit you have observed many significant and positive changes in the this country in the economic, political and social fields?

Yokota: I observe more so in the economic and social areas. But even in the civil and political areas. When I first came here the curfew was still there and I didn't see anything on the street by night. And the people were not feeling comfortable in speaking to each other. They did not feel comfortable in speaking with foreigners. This is not the case this year.

U Mg Mg: So, you see that kind of change.

Yokota: I saw some martial law restrictions have been lifted in the meantime. And I think that has some effects on the general atmosphere of the people.

U Hla Htwe (Antara, Nihon Kesai): Could you tell us about your meeting with ex-General Tin Oo and Dr Aung Kyin Sint in Insein Prison. Are they all right? Are they in good health? Do they look as if they have been tortured?

Yokota: They looked fine physically and mentally, they were very stable and calm and looked very normal. And they spoke very normally. I didn't see any sign of physical torture at all and they also said treatment was generally good.

U Hla Htwe: You did not see any signs of physical torture.

Yokota: No, not at all.

Daw Aye Aye Win (AP): Did you also see other prisoners?

Yokota: I saw some of them. I did not have the chance to talk to them because that was not they type of condition that I got. But I did see them in distance...in groups as well. I just saw them very briefly through the window. So, I did see some of them.

U Hla Htwe: Could you tell us about your meeting with NLD leaders-- leaders of the NLD. Do they look satisfied?

Yokota: This is the area where I prefer to wait until I write my final report because the contents of the discussions...I should look at my notes carefully. So, I refrain from making comments.

U Khin Mg Thwin (AFP): In your talks with officials here, did you have any indication that they tend to be more liberalised as they go on?

Yokota: ...So, there is some room for optimism but there is something to see. We cannot tell definitely what will happen in future. But

there is sign of openness of the government's response to my comments, observations and understanding.

U Hla Htwe: I think you have come here three times. For three times you have asked to see Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. For three times you were turned down?

Yokota: Yes.

U Hla Htwe: Another point is..... I notice changes of your assistants. Second time you brought two assistants. One assistant, I was told, happened to be General Secretary of Burma Action Group which is involved in anti-Myanmar government activities. Is it true?

Yokota: That was what I was told later. I do not know that she was involved in it and that I was not in a position to find out whether such information is true or not. It was told to me so but I wasn't sure. I simply accepted her as an officially appointed interpreter by the United Nations. You have to understand the system of the United Nations. The United Nations is a big organization and the interpreters and translators are managed by a separate section called Conference Services. And they decide who should accompany me or accompany someone else and who is the most competent person in that particular language and that she was assigned by the Conference Services Section. They do it officially. So, I just accepted and I didn't see her until I met her in Bangkok.

U Khin Mg Myint (NHK TV & Radio): Do you intend to report your findings in Myanmar today directly to the UN General Assembly?

Yokota: The question of human rights will be dealt with by the Third Committee. The First Committee deals with political matters and Second Committee deals with economic matters and Third Committee deals with social matters including human rights. The Third Committee is the one I will be reporting to. But you can say that this report is to the General Assembly because it is a standing committee to the General Assembly.

(NLM 11/18)

Kayah Insurgents Wooed

Nov. 18: Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by half-a-dozen Ministers, flew to Loikaw Nov. 17. The Secretary addressed Department officials of Loikaw, Dimawhso, and Phruhso Townships, noting that the trip was a special one, because "progress in Kayah State was not as much as desired due to disquiet caused by internal strife which emerged after regaining of independence...." [NLM headlined the story "{SLORC} extends olive branch to armed groups...."]

"As armed groups continue to exist in Kayah State, the government could not implement as much regional development in the region as desired. The people of Kayah State will have to keep in mind and act accordingly that there must be progress in their state as in other states, he said. He went on to say that the government, the local people and armed groups are all responsible for development of their state.... If there is peace and security throughout Kayah State, development projects can be implemented everywhere in the state at any time with added momentum.... To realize this, the government, the people and armed groups are responsible. In order that the government may perform its share of duties for regional development, local people will have to secure the return to the legal fold of all the armed groups. The said that the State Law and Order Restoration Council invites the armed groups to return to the legal fold and hold talks. Once agreement is reached, he noted, it will work for the development of Kayah State together. He made it clear that he extends the offer officially on behalf of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and the government. He categorically stated that it was not that he is extending the offer because the government is facing political, military or economic crisis. The government wants to establish national reconciliation among the national brethren...."

Speaking later at Bawlakhe, the Secretary reiterated the offer.

"He stated that most of the armed groups in Kachin and Shan States have returned to the legal fold and, joining hands with the government, are now carrying out regional development. He declared that the government welcomes any armed group which is willing to return to the legal fold and desirous of coordinating measures for perpetuation of the Union, consolidation of national unity and development of their regions, and economic and social uplift of Union nationals...." (NLM 11/ 19)

Nov. 19: Editorial: With open arms. [Referring to the Secretary's speech, NLM said that he had "noted that armed groups which have taken to the jungles over certain misunderstandings had contributed to the lag {in development} because even in recent years when development efforts were made in the remote border areas, strife within the state had hindered progress. Removal of such an obstacle can push development unimpeded, he felt, and urged the armed groups to enter the legal fold and hold talks with the government to pave the way for better days ahead. The Secretary-1, in his straight talk, said the armed groups who have taken to the jungles, the service personnel and the local people are all responsible for bringing about development in their state. In extending the olive branch to the armed groups in Kayah State, he said they should choose to take up his offer and show their responsibility to seeing toward development, for they know full well they have resorted to strife for forty years, and have not succeeded in opposing the government.... It is a noble and magnanimous venture in a brotherly spirit for the realization of Our Three Main National Causes.... With open arms, the State Law and Order Restoration Council beckons the brethren who should reciprocate positively. It is an invitation which should in all seriousness be heeded. It is our sincere hope and ardent wish that those who might take the opportunity should not miss it, for in so doing, they can claim credit for creating conditions conducive to all-round development through prevalence of law and order, peace and tranquillity."]

Mon Insurgents Wooed

Nov. 25: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by a number of Ministers, flew to Mawlamyine and called on insurgents to join with the Government. Speaking to officials, "He pointed out that the armed groups in Shan State (north and east) had remained under the influence of the BCPs for over 20 years and opposed the government. However, these armed groups, realizing their mistake and with the right conviction and objective to join hands with the Government for the development of their region and their state, without prior demand, coordinated with the Government to join hands with the sole aim of developing their areas....

"He said the visit to Mon State by them is of great significance. The armed groups are being extended a hand of welcome to give serious thought to the goodwill of the Government and to return to the legal fold. He said they are being welcomed with honesty and true cetana to meet again their national brethren by joining hands with the Government and work together for the development of their own state and for the development {of} their own national race....

"He said the armed groups went underground each with their own belief and opposed the Government. Separate talks are being held with each {sic} armed groups in other areas to return to the legal fold. He said they should not believe in outside influences but must strive to hold talks with their own conviction towards the State.... He said the invitation extended is legal and made known to the world for the armed groups to cooperate with patriotic spirit for the development of the State and to bring about progress to the people. He said they are to have serious regard for the true cetana of the Tatmadaw and to reciprocate it...." (NLM 11/26)

Kayin Insurgents Wooed

Nov. 26: Continuing from Mawlamyine, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen.

Khin Nyunt and his entourage flew to Hpa-an, Kayin State. Speaking to officials, "He said nine armed groups which realized the true attitude and goodwill of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, returned to the legal fold Understandings have also been reached with the KIA and the Kachin State will achieve development in no time.... Continuing, the Secretary-1 said in order to be able to hold development talks and to bring peace and tranquillity to Kayin State, it is necessary for all national people in Kayin State to join hands with the Government and make concerted efforts. He said this responsibility also lies on the shoulders of armed groups who have taken to the jungles. He said the armed groups are invited to step forward to coordinate with the Government to bring peace to Kayin State.... He spoke of the need for armed groups, which have taken to the jungle not to tarry, but to come forward promptly with the right attitude while it is not too late.... He called upon all the armed groups which have taken to the jungle, including those in Kayin State, to come group by group and hold discussions with the State Law and Order Restoration Council. He said they are being invited to come forward with the correct attitude by understanding the true attitude and cetana of the Tatmadaw, with the spirit of love for the Union based on patriotism and hold discussions" (NLM 11/27)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Nov. 2: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Anthony Chng Chye Tong called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. Swiss Ambassador Blaise Godet called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. UNDCP Field Adviser Jorn Kristensen called on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thinn to discuss anti-narcotics matters. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 3: Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 4: Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 10: Austrian Ambassador Dr. Erich Binder, "who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar," called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 11: The Austrian Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 12: Philippine Ambassador Rosario V. Carino called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 15: Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 16: Iraqi Ambassador Monir Shihab Ahmad Al-Bayati, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 17: The Iraqi Ambassador called on Deputy Minister for Trade Col. Aung Thaung. Newly accredited Canadian Ambassador Arthur C. Perron called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 18: Canadian Ambassador Arthur C. Perron called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint. Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: The Canadian Ambassador called on Minister for Trade

Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, and on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 22: Laotian Ambassador Kideng Thammavong called on Minister for Education Col. Pe Thein. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 24: New Turkish Ambassador Kutlu Ozguvenc called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 26: Chinese Economic Counsellor Mr. Chen Shijie called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel at the Foreign Investment Commission Office. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim called on Minister for Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 26: Australian Ambassador Stuart Hamilton Rawdon Hume, and Laotian Ambassador Kideng Thammavong, called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 11/27)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Nov. 15: U Hla Maung presented credentials Nov. 11 to King Harald V in Oslo as new Myanmar Ambassador to Norway. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 23: U Hla Maung presented credentials Nov. 17 to King Carl XVI Gustaf in Stockholm as new Myanmar Ambassador to Sweden. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 26: U Aung Gyi presented credentials Nov. 23 to President Mohamed Hosny Mubarak in Cairo as new Myanmar Ambassador to Egypt. (NLM 11/26)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Nov. 17: Mr. Arthur C. Perron presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Ambassador of Canada to Myanmar. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 24: Mr. Kutlu Ozguvenc presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar. (NLM 11/25)

Military Attaches Tour Border

Nov. 6: Military Attaches accredited in Yangon, and their families, toured Mandalay, Lashio, Kunlong, and Chin Shwechaw from Nov. 4-6, led by Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Col. Kyaw Win. Specifically mentioned was Dean of Military Attaches Col. Arun Kumar Chopra of India. (NLM 11/7)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops

Nov. 1: A Seminar on Seafood for International Market, jointly sponsored by Myanma Fisheries and Seafood Traders of Australasia, represented by Managing Director Mr. Noel Ambrose Gallaher and Captain Norman Colless. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 8: A Privatization Workshop on Valuation of Public Enterprises, sponsored by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and UNDP, opened. 70 officials of State enterprises are attending. Among the speakers was Dr. Wu Long Lin of UN Headquarters. (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 11: The Workshop concluded, in the presence of Dr. Wu Long Lin, valuation expert Ms. Maggie Mullen, and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 17: A Slurry Explosive (Superdyne) Technical Seminar was held, jointly sponsored by Moe Makha Co. and Explosive Consultation and Application Co., represented by Director Mr. Tan Kai Hock. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 24: The Second International Diploma in Computing Studies Course (IDCS), co-sponsored by the University of Computing Science and the National Computing Centre Ltd. of the UK, will open Jan. 10, 1994. (NLM 11/25)

Foreign Donations

Nov. 2: Mr. and Mrs. Chaow of Lucky Five Inter Trading Co. Ltd. donated 6 air-conditioners worth K300,000 to the Yangon General Hospital. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 4: Chairman Mr. Chali Sophonpanich and Managing Director Matthew Kuan of Ticon Co. Ltd. of Thailand donated K180,000 to the National Library. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 5: Mr. Anu, Kodak Film Co., Bangkok, donated K100,000 to the Second National Sports Festival. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 12: Regional Manager Mr. H. Tagami and Assistant General Manager Mr. S. Kobayashi of Sumitomo Chemical Company presented a US\$4,000 microscope to the Health Department for malaria control. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 15: President Mr. S. Nishimura of Nissei Engineering Inc., Tokyo, and General Manager Mr. Y. Yoshida of Kinsho-Mataichi Corp. Tokyo Head Office, called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, and donated 2 million of hospital equipment. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 21: Chairman Mr. Chris Harney and Mrs. Michele Harney of Arvin International Inc. of the United States donated medical books worth US\$75,000 to the Myanmar Education Committee. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 23: Australian Universities donated 1,000 books to the Ministry of Health, Universities Central Library, and National Library. (NLM 11/24)

Border Inspection

Nov. 19: 63 members of the Joint Boundary Inspection Groups left for Shweli (Reli) and Chin Shwe Haw, China, by train, to carry out field inspection work of the second Myanmar-China Joint Boundary Inspection (section phase) at the northern and southern sector. It will be carried out from Nov. 1993 to Jan. 1994. The first batch of 25 left for Mangxin and Talo, China, on Nov. 18. (NLM 11/20)

Drug Cooperation Committees

Nov. 29: The Myanmar/China/UNDCP Joint Executing Committee, and the Myanmar/ Thailand/UNDCP Joint Executing Committee, held their third meetings separately at the Medical Research Department. Present were a six-member Thai Delegation led by Secretary-General Police General Chavalit Yodmani of the Office of Narcotics Control Board (NCB), a four-member Chinese Delegation led by Mr. Liu Deren of the National Narcotics Control Commission (NNCC), a six-member UN Delegation led by Director Mr. William F. Beachner of the UNDCP Regional Center, Bangkok, UNDCP Yangon Field Office Adviser Mr. Jorn Kristensen, observer Mr. Kou Chansina of the Lao Embassy, and Yangon officials led by Secretary Police Maj-Gen. San Thein of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and Director-General of the People's Police Force. (NLM 11/30)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

Nov. 4: Regional Director Mr. William Blatter of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) met with Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thinn to discuss "matters related to systematic acceptance of abscondees between Myanmar and Bangladesh." He also called on Secretary Lt-Col. Thein Han of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races to discuss "assistance to be provided by the UNHCR for carrying out development activities in Rakhine State." He also called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint. (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 5: He signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Department, under which "the UNHCR will assist, with the cooperation of the Government of Myanmar and the arrangements of the UNDP office in Myanmar, in the resettlement and provision of supplies for the returnees, being carried out under a Myanmar-Bangladesh agreement and

in the development of Rakhine State in education, health, agriculture, availability of water and construction of small-scale irrigation projects." (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 19: Regional International Red Cross Society Representative Mr. David Delapraz, resident in New Delhi, called on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thinn, accompanied by Resident Representative Mrs. Friedrun Medert. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 29: International Monetary Fund representative Mr. Michael Bell called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/30)

Cultural and Medical Visitors

Nov. 1: Dr. Balusankaran, UNDP Consultant (Orthopaedics) will lecture Nov. 2 on Community Based Rehabilitation. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 2: Chief Executive Officer Mr. Frederick Griffith of International Federation of Eye Banks called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 13: Chairman Alain Patel and two members of the Franco-Asiatic Medical Association arrived, and signed a memorandum of understanding with the Health Department for two years of cooperation in orthopaedics treatment, exchange of experts, and assistance in equipment. (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 16: He called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 16: Mr. Gerald Vivian Stimson of Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School arrived to survey the spread of HIV and AIDS through drug abuse, and to implement anti-AIDS programmes, in Myanmar. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 17: President and Executive Director Mr. Oliver Foot of Orbis Flying Hospital arrived, accompanied by an Independent TV team (England) which will videotape "joint health undertakings" of Orbis and the Health Ministry. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 18: He called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 17: Prof. Alain Patel and Dr. F. Bricourt of France will lecture Nov. 19 on treatment of spinal injury at the MMA Auditorium. (NLM 11/18)

Business Visitors

Nov. 17: Yunnan Provincial official Mr. Zhang Peng Jian, accompanied by Director Yuan Fan Gany of Zhong Long International Trading Co. (Myanmar) called on Mandalay Mayor U Tun Kyi on Nov. 8. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 22: Mr. Bruce Winston, Transport Planner of Padeo Co. Ltd., called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin to discuss border road development and border trade. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 28: Twenty Thai hotel and travel company entrepreneurs, led by Mr. Charin Nukornavaraf, met with Director-General U Myo Min of the Hotels and Tourism Department, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, to discuss foreign investment in Myanmar tourism. (NLM 11/29)

Religious Visitors

Nov. 4: Seven Russian samaneras, studying Pariyatti scriptures at the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho, toured Rakhine State. They will visit pagodas in Kyauktad and Mrauk-U. (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 8: They were honoured in Sittway. (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 11: Their Theravada Buddhism Special Basic Course concluded. Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt noted that 9 Russian youths had arrived for the two-year course in Nov. 1991 and Jan. 1992, but two of them left. The seven remaining "could only study basic facts about Theravada Buddhism as the term was too short for extensive teaching." (NLM 11/12) // Nov. 21: Three of the samaneras, after attending the two-year course, returned home. (NLM 11/22; photo 11/23)

Nov. 6: Theravada Buddhist missionary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Nanika, residing in England, arrived. (NLM 11/7) // Nov. 12: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt presented Sayadaw Nanika with an annual provision of ø5,000. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 6: Malaysian Buddhist pilgrims led by Nun Leong Cai

Choi Bhikku Shi Yen Ping donated K100,000 for the Kaba Aye Pagoda, and K100,000 and robes for members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 7: A delegation from the Agon Shu Buddhist Association of Japan, led by Assistant Head Mr. Shige Kimori, arrived and met with Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Kyaw Aye. (NLM 11/8) // Nov. 8: The delegation offered alms, and donated solar-powered generators worth US\$30,000 for local Theravada missions. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 11: A 31-member Buddhist delegation from Malaysia, led by Yogi Ms. Tan Bee Chun donated K31,000 to the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 22: 92 Thai pilgrims led by Nun Phra Mae Wayarphon arrived on a five-day visit to famous pagodas in Yangon, Bagan-Nyaung-U, and Bago. (NLM 11/23) // Nov. 25: They departed, after making offerings. (NLM 11/26)

Foreign Journalists

Nov. 27: Mr. Yoichi Masuzoe of Fuji TV, leading a four-member crew, called on Police Col. Ngwe Soe Tun to discuss drug abuse control in Myanmar. (NLM 11/28)

Brunei Transport Officials

Nov. 3: Permanent Secretary Mr. Dato Paduka Malai Ali Bin Haji Malai Othman of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Brunei called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Later he and his delegation met with Yangon officials to discuss signing of an aviation agreement between Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam. With the Permanent Secretary are Senior Duties Officer Mr. Dato Paduka Job Lim and Mrs. Airah Bti Hj Abdullah of the Ministry of Communications, Mr. Hj Mohd Ariffin Bin Ajmain of Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Bin Nayan of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Mohd Yusree Bin Hj Junaidi of the Ministry of Justice, and Mr. George Tan of Brunei Airline. (NLM 11/4)

Chinese Troupe

Nov. 5: A Chinese Nationalities Troupe from Yunnan Province will arrive at Mandalay, via Lashio, on Nov. 13 and give performances at the Mandalay open air theatre on Nov. 14-15. (NLM 11/6) // Nov. 14: The 30-member troupe from Tethon Sub-province, led by Deputy Governor Mr. Yang Shiquan, arrived in Lashio, via Muse, Nov. 10, and the next day performed to a "5,000-seat audience" at Lashio National Theatre. On Nov. 13, the troupe left for Mandalay and Taunggyi. (NLM 11/15) // Nov. 17: The troupe performed in Mandalay on Nov. 14-15, before going on to Taunggyi. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 21: The troupe performed in Taunggyi on Nov. 17-18. (NLM 11/22) // Nov. 24: Led by the Vice Mayor of Shweli, the troupe called on Central Command Commander Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than in Mandalay on Nov. 20. (NLM 11/25)

Japanese Troupe

Nov. 8: An 8-member Mai No Kai Cultural Troupe from Japan arrived. (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 9: It called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 11/10) // Nov. 14: A dinner was offered by Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 11/15) // Nov. 15: The troupe departed. (NLM 11/16)

Thai Border Delegation

Nov. 8: A delegation led by Lt-Gen. Chetta Thanajaro, Commanding General of the First Thai Army Area, arrived to attend the 8th meeting of the Myanmar-Thai Regional Border Committee in Mawlamyine, where they will meet a Myanmar delegation led by South-East Commander Maj-Gen. Ket Sein. (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 11: Lt-Gen. Chetta Thanajaro called on Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Maung Aye. // The Eighth meeting of the Border Committee concluded, and the delegation departed. (NLM 11/12)

Thai Technical Delegation

Nov. 11: A 10-member Thai Technical Cooperation Delegation led

by Deputy Director-General Mr. Pichet Soontornpipit of the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation, Prime Minister's Office of Thailand, arrived Nov. 8, held bilateral discussions with the Foreign Ministry, and departed on Nov. 11. (NLM 11/12)

Lampun Mayor

Nov. 22: The Mayor of Lampun, Thailand, Chao Siri Ratana, called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt to discuss "construction of Dhammathala." (NLM 11/23)

Thai Security Delegation

Nov. 28: A delegation headed by Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Thailand, Gen. Charan Kullavanijaya, arrived by special flight at the invitation of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who hosted a dinner for it. (NLM 11/29)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Oct. 31: A 10-member delegation (8 experts from the Myanma Agriculture Service and 2 from the Myanma Farms Enterprise) left for northern Thailand, via Tachilek, for a 10 day study tour on opium poppy substitute crops. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 1: Lecturer Daw Hla Than of Thegon Agriculture High School, and Assistant Lecturer Daw Win Aye of Myaungmya Agricultural Institute, left for India to attend forty-day courses, respectively, on Marketing of Poultry and Poultry Production and Poultry Production and Management of Breeder Stocks, under the Colombo Plan.

Nov. 2: A study group led by Head of Division (Arts curriculum) U Htwe Aung of the Basic Education Department, accompanied by Junior Assistant Teachers U Myint Soe, Daw Thet Thet Mu, and Daw Mi Mi Khin left for Japan on a 15-day study tour of education activities, under the sponsorship of the Japan Foundation. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 4: Lecturer U Naing Win of the Chemistry Department, Yangon University, left for Thailand to attend a course on Analytical Chemistry sponsored by IAEA. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 7: Assistant Directors U Tin Myint and U Tin Maung of the Customs Department left for Bangkok to attend a Nov. 8-19 UNDCP-funded Course on Teaching Methods sponsored by the Customs Cooperation Council. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 8: Director U Aye Than Tun of the Immigration and Manpower Department left for Kuala Lumpur to attend a Nov. 8-11 Workshop on Population Data and Analysis sponsored by the UN. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 8: Director U Aye Than Tun of the Immigration and Manpower Department left for Kuala Lumpur to attend a Nov. 8-11 Workshop on Population Data and Analysis sponsored by the UN. Tutor U Aung Lin of Insein Technical Institute left for India to attend a two-month course on Computer Aided Manufacturing and Flexible Manufacturing Systems, under Colombo Plan auspices. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 12: Medical Officer Dr. Pandora Aung Gyi of Yangon General Hospital left for Singapore General Hospital to study Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Procedure for six months under a WHO Fellowship. // Assistant Director U Win Swe of the Factories and Labour Laws Inspection Department left to attend the UNDP-ILO Course on Occupational Hygiene in Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand, Nov. 12-Feb. 4. // Staff Officer U Kyaw Than of the same Department left to attend the UNDP-ILO Course on Chemical Safety in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand, Nov. 15-Feb. 4. // Staff Officers U Thaug Sein, Daw Wai Wai Myint, and Daw Khin Win Maw of the same Department left Nov. 6 to attend the UNDP-ILO Course on Factories Inspection in Hong Kong and the Philippines, Nov. 8-Dec. 20. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 15: Deputy Director Daw Khin Khin Nyunt of the Central Statistics Organization, left for Bangkok to attend the Nov. 15-19 Workshop on Data Dissemination with Focus on Monitoring Human Development. Deputy Director U Thein Zan of the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department, Lecturer Daw Myint

Myint Yi of the Institute of Economics, and Planning Officer Daw Aye Chit of the Basic Education Department Education Planning Division left for Indonesia to attend a two-month UNDP-funded course on Planning and Supervision of Examination/Student Assessment. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 19: Staff Officer U Tin Shwe of the Central Statistics Office left for Nepal to attend a 19 day Programme in Human Development Indicators Subregional Course on Statistics for Food Security, sponsored by the Statistics Institute for Asia and Pacific and the Overseas Development Administration. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 21: Assistant Director U Hla Myint of the Red Cross Society and Assistant Director (Nursing) Daw Khin May Win of the Health Department left for Bangkok to attend a Nov. 22-26 Course on Primary Health Care. // Administrative Officer Daw San Yin Kyi of the Red Cross Society, Daw Re Ja of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and Dr. Cho Myint of the Council of Christian Churches left for Bangkok to attend the Nov. 22-Dec. 3 Course on AIDS Prevention. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: Assistant Director Dr. Soe Thein of the Virology Research Division, Medical Research Department, left for Australia to attend a course on DHF under a WHO programme. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 26: Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin left for Washington to attend a workshop on South-East Asia Economic Experience and Prospects. He was accompanied by SLORC Legal Adviser U Aung Khin Tint, Director Col. Ye Htut of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute, and Director-General U Ba Thwin of the Foreign Minister International Organizations and Economic Department. (NLM 11/27)

Nov. 27: Supervisors Daw Khin Saw Win and Daw Cho Mar Yi of Myanmar Insurance left to attend a UNDP-funded course in Malaysia, and to study insurance companies in Singapore for three months. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 27: Project Director U Aye Myint of the Agriculture Census Office, and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of the Mandalay Division Survey Department left for Bangkok to attend a three-week course on Improvement of Area Sample Frames with the Use of Aerial Photography, sponsored by AIT. (NLM 11/28)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Nov. 2: Member of the Myanmar History Commission retired Director-General of the Archaeology Department Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt left for Tokyo to attend the Nov. 4-5 International Conference for Preservation and Promotion of Traditional Culture in East Asia. (NLM 11/3) // Nov. 11: He returned, after presenting a paper on "Myanmar Culture Today," and making a study tour of Nagoya. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 9: Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thinn left for Bali to attend the Nov. 9-13 Ministerial Level Conference of Population and High Level Officials Meeting sponsored by the Non-Aligned Movement. He is accompanied by Staff Officer Capt. Mya Sein. Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Delegation, also a delegation member, left on Nov. 7. Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Nyunt Tin will also attend. (NLM 11/10) // Nov. 18: He returned, after delivering an address on Myanmar population and family planning on Nov. 12. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 10: Speaking at the Nov. 6-15 27th FAO Conference in Rome on Nov. 9, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung delivered Myanmar's Country Statement [full text published in NLM]. Noting that Myanmar has a favourable land-man ratio, he reviewed efforts to increase agricultural production under the new market-oriented economic structures, with participation by both the foreign and domestic indigenous private sectors. He noted developments in Forestry, and thanked FAO for having " accorded invaluable support in our forestry resources management." He also reviewed Myanmar's activities in conservation of plant genetic material and rational management of fisheries. (NLM 11/11) // Nov. 22: The delegation returned. En route to Rome, the delegation had visited the Republic

of Korea from Oct. 30-Nov. 4. In addition to the Minister for Agriculture, the delegation included Border Areas and National Races Minister Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 12: General Manager U Than Tun of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading left for Manila to represent Myanma at the Regional Expert Consultation on Strengthening Early Warning System to Improve Food Supply Management in Asian Countries, Nov. 15-20. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 14: Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai left for the Netherlands to attend the Nov. 16-23 Conference of Fokker Aircraft Operators. He was accompanied by Managing Director Lt-Col. Thura Win Myint of Myanma Airways. (NLM 11/15) // Nov. 25: The Deputy Minister returned. (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 17: Professor of Applied Economics Daw Khin Thein Yi of the Institute of Economics left for Singapore to serve as a consultant expert at the University for Asian Studies. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 18: Headmistress Daw May May Tin of Mandalay BEHS No. 9 and Headmistress U Hla Myint of Myaing Village BEMS left for Thailand to attend the Nov. 17-21 Second EM Technology Conference at the Jusei Nature Farming Centre. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 29: Deputy Director-General U Tin Hla of the Forestry Planning and Statistics Department, and Work Committee Office Director Maj. Maung Maung Tin of the Ministry for Development of Border Areas and National Races, left for Nepal to attend the Dec. 1-5 10th Annual Meeting of ICIMOD. They will also represent Myanmar at the 3rd Meeting of Donor Countries and International Organizations of ICIMOD, and at the 20th Meeting of ICIMOD Administrators in Kathmandu. // Assistant Director U Kyaw Win of the Labour Department left Nov. 27 for Bangkok to attend the 5th Meeting of Regional Employment Planning in Asia. (NLM 11/30)

Delegations Visit China

Nov. 3: A 25-member performing arts troupe led by Deputy Director-General Col. Ba Hsan of the Ministry of Culture left for China; they will perform in Beijing and three other cities for two weeks. (NLM 11/ 4) // Nov. 17: The troupe returned, after performing in Beijing and Santong. Also returning were U Pale Sein and Daw Myint Myint Shein of the Fine Arts Department, who taught Myanma Dancing at the Yunnan Fine Arts School. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 17: A journalist delegation led by Editor U Thaug Pe of Myawaddy Press left for an exchange visit to China. Other members are Deputy Chief Editor (Rtd) U Myat Thu (Tekkatho Myat Thu) of The Kyemon Daily, Lecturer Dr. Daw Tin Win (Dr. Ma Tin Win) of the Institute of Education, Writer-cum-director Maung Wunna, Vice-Chairman composer Hinthada Myint Ngwe of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Music Asiayon, and Editor Daw Mya Mya Than (Ma Hnin Phway) of Sarpay Beikman, Printing and Publishing Enterprise. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 17: A cultural troupe led by Deputy Director U Kyaw Win of the Cultural Institute Department left for Beijing to stage a Myanmar Folk Culture Show beginning Nov. 20. He was accompanied by Staff Officer U Saw Hta Lon of the Kayin State Library and Museum. (NLM 11/18,19)

Returning Delegations

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

Nov. 3: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and his delegation returned from the United Nations General Assembly session in New York. On his return trip, he visited Mexico (visit covered in the last issue) and Cuba, and was received by President Fidel Castro Ruiz. He also visited Japan and called on Foreign Minister Mr. Tsutomu Hata, House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mr. Naoto Kan, and former Foreign Minister Mr. Michio Watanabe. Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Kunihiko Saito hosted a lunch, and Upper House Member Mr. Shigeru Nagano a dinner. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 3: The delegation led by Managing Director U Myint Thein Lwin of Myanma Heavy Industries returned from China. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 4: A delegation led by Red Cross President Dr. Tin Oo returned from the 9th Conference of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Birmingham. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 4: Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin and his delegation returned from the Ministerial Civil Conference sponsored by ESCAP in Bangkok. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 6: The delegation led by Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay returned from the 3rd Conference of World Capitals in Tokyo. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 6: The delegation led by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Win Naing returned from discussions on social welfare in China. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 10: The delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin returned from the 11th Meeting of Ministers for Health of South-East Asia Region in Dhaka. He called on the President and Prime Minister of Bangladesh during the meeting. (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 11: Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosalla, Chairman of the Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee returned from Buddhist ceremonies in Singapore and Malaysia. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 12: The delegation led by Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Supanindabhivamsa, Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, returned from China "after promoting Myanmar-Chinese Buddhist relations." Other members are Sayadaw Aka Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arcindabhivamsa, Director U Ay Ko of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sangha, and Additional Director U Aung Than of the Religious Affairs Department. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 23: Two Cooperative delegations [evidently not previously noticed] returned. That led by Central Cooperatives Society EC member U Hla Myint returned from the Nov. 17-19 commercial and industries committee meeting of the International Cooperatives Alliance in Thailand. That led by Chairman U Tin Maung of the Mandalay Division Producers' Cooperatives Society returned from the Nov. 15-19 Exhibition of Handicrafts (gift items) at the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Tokyo. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 24: Daw Khin Ma Lay, Staff Officer of the Myanmar Television and Radio Department, returned from a course on Television Programme Production in the Republic of Korea. (NLM 11/25)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Nov. 3: U Kaung Nyunt, Pro-Rector, Yangon University, to be Rector, Dagon University, Ministry of Education. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 17: Lt-Col. Ba Nyan, General Manager, to be Managing Director, Stationery, Printing and Photographic Stores Trading, Ministry of Trade.

Lt-Col. Win Kyi (BC/3470), Ministry of Defence, to be Managing Director, Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading, Ministry of Trade.

U Sein Lin, Vice-Principal, to be Principal, Magway Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Hla Myint, Vice-Principal, to be Principal, Bago Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Maung Kyaw, Vice-Principal, to be Principal, Myitkyina Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Maung Htoo, Vice-Principal, to be Principal, Monywa Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education. (NLM 11/18)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Nov. 17: U Soe Myint as Managing Director, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry-1. (NLM 11/18)

GOVERNMENT

Animal Health Law

Nov. 25: SLORC Law No. 17/93 of Nov. 25, the Animal Health and Development Law [full text published], provides for inspection of domestic animal feed, and exported or imported animals, animal products, or animal feeds, to ensure that toxins or contagious disease is not spread. It also prohibits cruelty to animals, and provides for the establishment of maximum loads to be carried or pulled by draft animals. Fines and punishments are provided. (NLM 11/26)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

Nov. 5: Six Kayin terrorists on Oct. 19 threw a hand grenade into a home in Kamawle village, Kayin State, wounding four family members. [photos] (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 29: A Kayinni armed group on Nov. 13 stopped and burned five logging trucks between Mesenam and Phahsaung [Kayah]. (NLM 11/30)

Insurgents Surrender

Nov. 2: Two ABSDF terrorists returned to the legal fold in Myeik on Oct. 18. (NLM 11/ 3)

Nov. 3: Two men from the Da Nya Ta group (Alliance for Democratic Solidarity) returned to the legal fold, via the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, on Oct. 27. Their names are Myo Oo, and Myint Soe, who was accompanied by his wife and baby. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 19: From Oct. 1-7, 27 terrorists surrendered, with their weapons [names and details]. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 23: From Oct. 8-16, 22 terrorists surrendered, with their weapons [names and details]. (NLM 11/24)

Law of War Course

Nov. 15: A five-day course on the Law of War for Tactical Operations Commanders opened, with 30 Tatmadaw officers attending. Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen. Kyaw Win and ICRC representative Mr. Delapaz spoke. (NLM 11/15)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

[See also under MISCELLANEOUS: Sunday Supplements]

Nov. 1: Realization of crop yield potential, by Dr. Tun Saing. [Potential yields per acre of various strains of rice, maize, cotton, and other crops.]

Nov. 3: A new era and a new system in cross-border trading, by Maung Khin Lat (Insein). [Since 1988 Border Trading Offices have been established in Kyukhok, Muse, and Namsam (for China), Myawaddy, Kawthaung, and Tachilek (for Thailand), Tamu (for India), and Maungdaw (for Bangladesh). Duties collected at these stations have been:

1988-89	K 132,400,000
1989-90	K 585,300,000
1990-91	K 885,200,000
1990-91 [sic]	K 1,017,100,000
1991-92 [sic]	K 620,700,000

There are honest and dishonest traders. "An honest trader exporting commodities under permits issued by the Border Trading Office gets ten kyats profit out of a K 100 export. The hundred kyats is the cost of the commodity after paying export duties. He gets ten kyats out of this transaction and he keeps the trade stable. But a dishonest trader smuggles his exports out putting into the pockets of dishonest personnel what he has to pay to the State in the form of export duty. This dishonest trader thus disturbs the market, distresses honest traders, and also causes loss of revenue to the State. The smuggler now sells his export at K 95 while keeping the same K 10 profit. This

situation spurs honest traders into thinking if it was worthwhile for him alone to remain honest while all the rest are not. Legitimate cross-border trading declined and blackmarket trading gradually burgeoned."]

Nov. 6: Popa park restores nature, by Maung Thabarwa. [Central Myanmar "today looks like a desert," but as the home of Royal Capitals "the region, in the past was idyllic with lush and verdant forests and springs, enjoying a mild climate." But "so many years of logging and exploitation of forests had gradually reduced the once lush Central Myanmar into a virtual desert." Mt. Popa, too, must once have been lush and filled with wildlife. "In order to prevent the Popa Hill, the only remaining forested area in Central Myanmar, from being completely devastated and denuded, as its surrounding hills had been, the Forestry Department declared the about 50 square-mile area surrounding the Popa Hill to be a Reserved Forest, conserved the trees that were found still standing and regenerated candagu, sagawah and other trees, with the result that this Forest Reserve had re-emerged as a catchment for supply of water...." In 1981, the Myanmar Government in collaboration with UNDP, created the Popa Park, which will be opened to the public on Nov. 7.]

Nov. 14: MPT: Foreign Post Export...the service in demand, by Mra Hnin. [Parcels up to 10 kilos are accepted for delivery to 19 countries, and small packets and printed matter for 184. The daily number of outgoing packets has grown from 446 to 629 in the past year. Since Nov. 11, 1993, no identification or permit is necessary to send packets, and it takes an average of only 15 minutes to complete formalities. Improvements are planned.]

Nov. 26: Tax collection that is fair to both sides, by Kyaw Thura. ["No one likes paying more than what is due. Now one should expect to evade taxes, too. To strike a balance, to have fairplay, the tax-payer and the assessor will have to be honest"]

Nov. 29: Effectiveness of Rabbit Production in Economy and Health, by Tha Zan Hla. [Rabbit meat is healthy and rabbit-raising is easy.]

Project Inaugurations

Oct. 31: The Chaung-U-Magyiboke section of the Chaung-U-Pakokku Railroad was commissioned on Oct. 30; Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein thanked "regional populace, members of the Tatmadaw and departmental personnel for contributing railroad section.... In reciprocation of labour contributed by the populace of the region, they are rewarded with a seven-day free ride on the line...." The Minister also attended a ceremony forming the Chaung-U Township USDA. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 12: A 5,000 KVA Power Sub-station was inaugurated Nov. 4 on Natmauk Road in Magway. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 14: The renovation of the 125-year old Bengali Sunni Jam-e Mosque at 93 Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, was completed with ceremonies led by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Kyaw Aye and Chairman Mufthi Mahmud Daoud Yussef of the Organization of Islamic Ulama Mufti Maulana. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 15: The Mon State Office of the Myanma Economic Bank was inaugurated by General Manager Lt-Col. Aung Myint. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 24: A K6.5 million TV re-transmission station was inaugurated in Kawthoung. (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 25: A new Court and Law Office building was inaugurated in Sangyoung Twp. [Yangon] (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 27: Vesali square sportsground was inaugurated in Sittway. The 16,000 capacity square, 1,200 x 900 feet, includes a 400 meter track and a football ground. A clock tower and water slide will be constructed. 1,500 people, including soldiers, contributed labour. (NLM 11/28)

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(NLM 11/27)

Joint Ventures

Nov. 3: Beginning Nov. 1, "B" shares in the Myanmar Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Ltd. are available to the public, at K10,000. Individuals may buy up to 200 shares, and organizations, companies, etc., up to 500. As of Nov. 3, 2,500 shares have been purchased by investors. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 12: Minister for Industry Lt-Gen. Sein Aung inspected six joint ventures undertaken by his Ministry: Yangon Garment Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (YGM), Yangon Knit Garment Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (YKM), Myanmar NC Woodwork Co. Ltd., Myanmar-Winner Garment Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Myanmar ACE Metal Co. Ltd., and Myanmar-Singapura United Tobacco Co. Ltd. Between them the six ventures have had profits of US\$10,965,000 and 228.02 million kyats; they have paid 277.5 million kyats in taxes and created 3,003 jobs. Of the six, YGM was formerly Garment Factory No. 1, and the tobacco factory was Cigarette Factory No. 1, "both...destroyed and rendered out of order by vandals during the 1988 disturbances." (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 17: A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Central Cooperative Society, represented by Chairman U Myo Myint, and Jinan Vacuum Flask Factory of the Huam Yu group of China, represented by Mr. Wang Hia Dang, to set up a vacuum flask factory on an equal share basis. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 19: Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Notification No. 41/93 of Nov. 19, Formation of the Mokyan Company Limited, authorizes a private joint venture company between the Yangon City Development Committee, represented by the Head of Department (Markets), and Mokwon Trading Company Limited of Korea, represented by President Mr. Chun In Soo, No. 501, Woorim B/D, 925-9 Bangbae-Idong, Seocho-ku, Seoul, Korea, for the "manufacturing and marketing of PVC pipes and other related products," with an authorized capital of K 48 million, divided into 48,000 shares of K1000 each, of which 24,000 are held by YCDC and 24,000 by Mokwon Trading Company. (NLM 11/20)

Gems Emporium

Oct. 31: On the fourth day of the midyear Gems Emporium, jade and jewellery sales totalled US\$1,437,149; total sales so far were US\$6,004,721. 504 gems merchants from 17 countries are at the Emporium, and were given a dinner by the Emporium Central Committee, attended by the two Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers, Patrons, etc. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 1: Pearls and jewellery sales totalled US\$760,040. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 2: Gems and jewellery sales totalled US\$1,345,573. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 3: Gems, jewellery, and jade sales totalled US\$6,422,931. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 18: After inspecting the Gems Emporium Hall, Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min "said that construction...had not been completed satisfactorily due to timely holding of the...Gems Emporium. He stressed the need to perform final decorations and maintenance systematically as the gems emporium had been already concluded..." (NLM 11/19)

Hotels and Tourism

Nov. 5: Following renovation begun in 1991, the 1901 Strand Hotel in Yangon "has been upgraded to a five-star hotel" through foreign investment, "without a loss of its original character and features," said Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, as he reopened the renovated historic structure. He added that since 1990, the SLORC "has turned out 97 tourism companies, 94 hotels and lodging, 114 touring buses and 163 tourist guides." Eight hotel projects have been approved, for completion in 1994-95, and six others authorized. When completed they will add 800 rooms, at a total investment of over K100 million. Also speaking at the inauguration was Managing Director Mr. Tony Child of Myanmar International Hotel Limited. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 12: Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services introduced three charter flights per week on the Chiangmai-Bagan-Mandalay-Chiangmai route on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The flights will be by Bangkok Airways Shorts 3-60 Skyvans, with a capacity of 18 passengers. The inaugural flight arrived in Bagan from Chiangmai, Thailand, on Nov. 6, continued to Mandalay on Nov. 10, and departed for Chiangmai on Nov. 12. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 15: An agreement to build a new five-star hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon, was signed between the Hotels and Tourism Department and Straits Greenfield Ltd., represented by General Manager Mr. Chew Yen Keen, a branch of the Straits Steamship Land Ltd. Co. of Singapore represented by Chairman Mr. Sim Kee Boom of Keppel Corporation Ltd. and Straits Steamship Land Ltd. The agreement has three phases: (1) construction of a 300-room hotel by July 1995; (2) construction of a 150-room hotel beginning Oct. 1995 and completed in 18 months; and (3) commercial offices and 80 apartments. The Singapore firm will pay all costs, pay rent, and turn over ownership of all property to the Myanmar State after 30 years. (NLM 11/16) // Nov. 16: The Singapore businessmen called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/17) From editorial, Nov. 17: "Judging from the fact that the Keppel Group...has come to invest cent-per-cent in the 450-bed five-star hotel in Myanmar, topping similar ventures made by foreign investors, it can safely be said a climate of confidence prevails here. Investors breaking new ground look for stability, both economic and political, before betting their precious dollars on any project. In the absence of stability or assurance that there is a normal situation, they generally shy away.... Given the will to work confidently together, to share prosperity together, such ventures based on mutual trust and good will are bound to see success." (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 18: Arrangements are being made for a contract between the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism Department and LP Holding Co. Ltd. of Thailand to construct a 270-room five-star hotel on the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street in Yangon. The government will lease the land to the company for 30 years, for construction of a twin-tower, 20-storey building with offices and apartments. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: A contract was signed between the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and System-Bilt (Myanmar) Limited of Singapore, represented by Chairman Retd. Lt-Gen. Winston Choo and Managing Director Mr. Stewart Yen, for construction of the 250-room four-star Parkview Hotel on the corner of Pyay Road and Ahlone Road, occupying a 3.2 acre lot. The first 100 rooms are to be opened by Nov. 1994, and the remainder by Feb. 1995; the hotel will open by March 1995. The investment is US\$20-22 million, and the hotel will be leased to System-Bilt for 30 years, after which the whole property will revert to the State. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 21: The Shwezinyaw Riverine Cruise, jointly conducted by Inland Water Transport and Pyi Shwe Myanmar Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. was inaugurated at the Pansodan Nanthida Jetty. There will be two cruises per day, from 8 am-11 am and 5 pm-8 pm. General Manager U Ko Ko Gyi "said foreign visitors would be able to enjoy natural scenes and observe the customs and cultural traditions of Myanmar people during the cruise in the Yangon River." [Also 1/2 page advertisement, identifying boat as the Golden Seagull, the route as "a 3-hour tour of Yangon, Hlaing, Bago Rivers and Twante Canal," and promising "You will be able to relax with your family or friends, under spectacular lights and enjoy melodious Karaoke music in airconditioned cabin. Providing of clean water, excellent choice of delicious foods, variety of drinks along with the natural gift of cool and fresh breeze."] (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 29: An agreement to build a twin-tower, 20-storey Hotel Sofitel Yangon was signed between the Hotels and Tourism Department, and L.P. Holding Co. Ltd., represented by Director Mr. Lertsak Nopmaneechamraslert and Managing Director U Thant Zin Tun. Also present was Vice-Chairman Mr. Sangob Punnarugsa of L.S. Group Co.

Ltd. of Thailand. The twin-tower Hotel Sofitel Yangon will have 270 rooms, as well as a 20-storey building with office rooms and apartments. The L.P. Holding Co. has a 30-year lease of the land, and will provide 100% financing. Rent will be proportional to earnings. After 30 years, all property will be transferred to the State. Construction is expected to take 34 months, with opening scheduled for Oct. 1996. (NLM 11/30)

Four-week Tourist Visas

Nov. 18: Speaking at contract signing for the Parkview Hotel [see above] Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba said "that in order to promote visitor arrivals, visa procedures have been relaxed. Previously foreign visitors were allowed for only two weeks. But it has been considered to extend the length of the stay up to four weeks. He disclosed that issuance of four-week visa will be introduced within a few weeks. He said the entry formality has also been simplified and this has been reviewed time and again for the convenience of visitors. He said any type of visa is easily obtainable in Myanmar embassies abroad...." (NLM 11/19)

Treasury Bonds Issued

Nov. 5: The following Press Release was issued by Ministry of Finance and Revenue [full text]:

1. In line with the implementation of market-oriented economic system in Myanmar, the Central Bank of Myanmar, on behalf of the Government, will issue three year and five year government treasury bonds with effect from 1st December 1993 at the Central Bank of Myanmar, 24/26 Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, with a view to giving an opportunity for the public and private enterprises to save, and formulating a capital market.

2. Similar treasury bonds had been issued in Myanmar before but the issuance of these bonds had been stopped during the implementation period of planned economic system.

3. The three year government treasury bond will carry an annual interest rate of 10 per cent and five year government treasury bond will carry an annual interest rate of 10.5 per cent.

4. Semi-annual interests will be paid by the Central Bank of Myanmar on 15th March and 15th September of each year.

5. Income tax of 15 per cent on interest income will be deducted.

6. Government treasury bonds will be issued in the denominations of Kyat ten thousand and Kyat one hundred thousand.

7. Any person, whether individually or jointly may purchase these bonds without limit. Economic enterprises and legally established organizations may also purchase these bonds.

8. After buying government treasury bonds, it is negotiable by signing on its reverse side.

9. Detailed information may be inquired at the Central Bank of Myanmar.

10. The following are reproductions of Government Treasury Bonds. [photo] (NLM 11/6)

Oil and Gas

Nov. 8: The surveyor vessel mv Mariner will carry out Yetagun soil boring and geotechnical investigation in the explorations blocks off the Tanintharyi Coast from Nov. 7-14. Fishing vessels are warned to stay away. (NLM 11/9)

Packaging '93 Yangon Exhibit

Nov. 9: The "Packaging '93 Yangon" exhibition sponsored by the Ministry of Cooperatives opened at Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road, Yangon, attended by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and others. Its objectives are to promote packaging by displaying and selling "packaging machinery and equipment, packaging materials and containers and packed items as well as packed commodities and foodstuff of cooperative societies and private producers." The

equipment has been purchased by the Central Cooperative Society from seven companies in Singapore. "Among the exhibits are impulse sealers, heat sealers, sleeve wrapping machines, sealers for jam and butter cups, soyamilk making machines, vacuum packer, shrink tunnels and liquid filling machines." (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 14: The Exhibition concluded. Total attendance since Nov. 9 was 112,608. (NLM 11/15)

Myanmar Forestry Journal

Nov. 9: Vol. I, No. 1 of Myanmar Forestry, a new quarterly in English was issued by the Ministry of Forestry. It will cover forest management and inventory, environment and wildlife conservation, research and training, timber harvesting, industry and trade, market information, news and views, abstracts, and major events. Annual subscriptions are K800 in Myanmar and US\$20 (by airmail) abroad, "payable in advance by bank draft or money order to the publisher, U Ye Myint, Adviser, Ministry of Forestry, 69 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon." For information, telephone 01-63270. (NLM 11/10)

Foreign Banks Licenced

Nov. 11: The Central Bank of Myanmar on Nov. 10 issued licences to Banque Indosuez, The Development Bank of Singapore, Ltd., and United Overseas Bank Ltd. of Singapore, to open representative offices in Yangon under Section 57 of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law. (NLM 11/12)

Buses Arrive

Nov. 11: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay inspected newly arrived buses purchased from Brother's Corporation Co. Ltd. of the Republic of Korea, which will be used for passenger transportation in Yangon. (NLM 11/12) // Nov. 12: The buses (Hyundai RB-520 and Daewoo BS-105-S models) are for sale at K1.2 million each; call the YCDC at 76732 and 89454. (NLM 11/13)

Rice

Nov. 12: Rice will be available by the bag, beginning Nov. 13, at JVC-2 on Strand Road: Emahta at K1,000 per bag (24 pyis); Pawhsanmhwe No. 5 at K1,050 per bag (24 pyis). (NLM 11/13)

Exports/Imports

Nov. 12: 4,710 tons of matpe and 300 tons of pesinnngon were exported so far this month, according to the Ministry of Agriculture. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 26: 3,000 tons of beans and pulses have been exported by JVC-9, and arrangements are being made to export 2,000 tons of bean and sesame cakes on the mv Sun Joy and mv Setya Pratama. "The corporation is distributing cement, mono sodium glutamate, type-writers and other goods imported with proceeds of exports. Myanmar and English type-writers are available, payable in kyats...." (NLM 11/27)

Airports

Nov. 14: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe selected a site for the projected Hanthawady International Airport near Bago, near the site of an old airfield in Kyauktainggan Ward. (NLM 11/15)

English-language Bookstore

Nov. 22: Stationery, Printing and Photographic Stores Trading, represented by Managing Director Lt-Col. Ba Than, in collaboration with Book Promotion Service Co., Ltd., of Thailand, represented by Managing Director Mrs. Pranom Supavimopun, opened the Innwa Bookstore at 232 Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon. "Books in English on economics, engineering, medicine, computer science, English language, general knowledge and for children as well as stationery will be on sale at the bookstore." Also present were SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 11/23)

Revenue Collectors Warned

Nov. 22: Speaking to Internal Revenue Officers, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt noted that GDP had increased 10.9% in 1992-93, thanks largely to private enterprise. Of 466 firms with over 100 employees, 425 are State-owned, 22 coops, and 19 private-owned. But of 35,817 industries with under 10 employees, 909 are State-owned, 259 coops, and 34,649 private-owned. Revenue collection should therefore not be a hindrance to small private enterprise. He then

"The Secretary-1...enumerated some of the defects found in the levying of taxes by the Internal Revenue Department, namely;

-- the failure to precisely comply with the set rules and regulations of taxation

-- levying more taxes than their due [sic]

-- granting concessions in taxes without appropriate reasons

-- lack of politeness and cheerfulness in dealing with tax-payers

-- indulging in bribery and not refraining from the four vices

-- deliberately causing delays in spite of speedy taxation being possible

-- inability to clear off pending cases

-- imposing monetary fines not in proportion with the offences

-- incorrect levying due to taxations based on inaccurate information

-- incomplete data and statistics regarding taxpayers leading to actual taxpayers being left out and undue taxpayers being erroneously included in taxation lists."

(NLM 11/23)

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:			
November 1	81.93	110.83	94.92
November 15	81.93	110.83	94.92
November 30	82.64	111.18	95.12

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Nov. 13: Myanma hockey prowess to be shown to world, by Tin Wa (Cobra). [More on revival of field hockey in Myanmar.]

Nov. 20: Hockey: An event of Second National Sports Festival, by N Tin Maung. [Hockey in Myanmar before 1970s; now sport is being revived.]

Nov. 27: Bringing out future long-distance runners, by N Tin Maung. [Mayor's Marathon.]

Myanmar Teams and Delegations

Nov. 1: A Myanmar rowing team led by Lecturer U Aung Kyaw Myat of YIT, with U San Maung as manager, coach, and five rowers, left for Hong Kong to attend the 15th Invitational Rowing Competition. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 21: A rowing team led by Rowing Federation Vice-President Commander Tun Oo (Navy Dockyards Depot), Manager Federation Secretary U Ohn Myint, and Coach U Win Pe, with 23 rowers, will leave Nov. 25 for Thailand to participate in the Nov. 27-28 6th Thai Invitational Swan Boat Races in Ayudhaya. (NLM 11/22) // Nov. 29: Myanmar took the gold medal, in competition with boats from Hong Kong, USA, Australia, Brunei, China, Italy, Singapore, Macao, Taiwan, and Thailand (15 Thai boats) in the 22-oar boat races. (NLM 11/30)

Nov. 28: A martial arts contingent led by Thaing Federation President U Tin Oo and coach U Aung Htay left for the 6-nation Pencak Silat (traditional martial arts) tournament in Vietnam. Athletes are Moe Zaw, Myint Lwin, Tin Tin Aye, Naw Yi Yi Than, and Thida Aye. (NLM 11/29)

Nov. 29: At the Bangkok Marathon on Nov. 28, Myanmar took eight gold, five silver, and four bronze medals. Mya Thway won gold in men's over-40 group marathon, and Min Min Tun in men's under-20. In the half-marathon, Aung Soe Khaing, Htin Kyaw, Aung Din, Ma Weippan, Kyaw Lwin, and Phyu Hnin Nwe also won gold. Thida Cho won silver in women's under-20. Other silver winners in half-marathon were Hla Thein, Kawt Ja, Thura, and Win Mar Kyi. Bronze was won by Htar Htar Shwe in the open, winning US\$1,500. Zaw Zaw Lin took bronze in under-20, and Maung Ko and Nu Nu Yi took bronze in the half-marathon. (NLM 11/30)

Nov. 29: A delegation led by Olympic Committee President Minister for Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung left for Kuwait to attend the 12th Conference of the Asia Olympic Council. With him were Mandalay Mayor U Tun Kyi and Olympic Committee Secretary U Kyaw Mra. (NLM 11/30)

Foreign Teams and Delegations

Nov. 4: A Olympic Solidarity-Sports Marketing Seminar, sponsored by the International Olympic Committee and the Myanmar Olympic Committee, was held. Seminar Director was Mr. Robert von Bose. Afterwards, officials studied cyclists being trained by cycling coach Mr. Michael Francis Chapman. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 5: An Olympic Solidarity Volleyball Coaching Course opened, with Course Directors Mr. Thomas Santamara (Australia) and Mr. Ramana Rao (India). (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 12: Yunnan volleyball (women), swimming, weight lifting, and track and field (walking) teams will play goodwill matches Nov. 19-23. (NLM 11/13) // Nov. 17: The 50-member team, led by Mr. Ye Ming Shou, arrived via Lashio. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 19: Yunnan beat Myanmar 3-0 in women's volleyball. (NLM 11/20) // Nov. 20: Swimming competitions were held. Four Yunnan and 8 Myanmar swimmers took part. (NLM 11/21) // Nov. 22: Weight lifting competitions were held. (NLM 11/23) // Nov. 23: In the China-Myanmar goodwill women's 5-km. walking race the first three places were taken by Wang Jinli, Ma Khin Lwan, and Ma Win Win. In the Men's 10-km. walking race winners were Gao Yunbin, Tun Tin, and Long Guixiang. In Women's volleyball, Yunnan beat Myanmar 3-1. (NLM 11/24) // Nov. 24: The contingent was given lunch by Minister for Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, President of the Myanmar Olympic Committee. (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 26: Korean athletes will demonstrate Taekwondo on Dec. 2 at the Thuwunna National Stadium, under the auspices of the World Taekwondo Federation. (NLM 11/27)

Mayor's Marathon

Nov. 20: 50,401 persons took part in the Fourth Yangon Mayor's Marathon, with 39,887 completing the race. Of the participants, 10,976 took part in the marathon (26 miles), 13,079 in the mini-marathon (13 miles), and 24,174 in the micro-marathon (8 miles). In addition there were a city circular road relay (61 kilometers), wheel-chair race (13 miles), and race for artistes. Prize giving was supervised by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, most Cabinet Ministers, and Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. [Numerous photos] (NLM 11/21)

HEALTH

Health Articles

Nov. 7: Nurses for the 21st Century, by Dr. Win May. [Flexibility, leadership, etc. will be needed.]

Nov. 10: Nursing The Dawn of a New Era, by Dr. Win May. [First nurses graduated from the baccalaureate program at the new Institute of Nursing on Nov. 9.]

Nov. 19: Why Baby Friendly Initiative in Myanmar? by Professor Mya Mya. [Importance of breast feeding of infants. Breast-feeding is baby friendly (good for baby), mother friendly (good for mother as cancer-preventive and baby-spacer), family friendly (saves money), future friendly (promotes baby development), employer friendly (if facilities provided, mothers will be more productive at work), environment friendly (preserves resources), and nation friendly (saves foreign exchange).]

CULTURAL

Education

Nov. 7: The Institute of Economics held its 26th Convocation; Rector Dr. Than Nyunt delivered the graduation address and presented degrees. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 9: The Dagon University Campus in Dagon Myothit (North) [Yangon] was inaugurated by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, Ministers, Rector U Kaung Nyunt, and others. (NLM 11/10) // Nov. 15: Freshmen began attending classes. The University is teaching three arts subjects (Myanmar language, Geography, and history), five science subjects (chemistry, physics, mathematics, zoology, and botany), and three subsidiary subjects (English, oriental studies, and philosophy) are taught in five periods from 9 am to 2.50 pm. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 9: The first Two-year Integrated B.Sc. Degree Course graduated from the new Institute of Nursing, comprising 39 nurses from the Ministry of Health and 28 Nursing Cadets from the Ministry of Defence. A second course, with 50 civilian and 20 military nurses, will open Feb. 1994, and the first four-year course will open with 50 students in June 1994. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 21: Yangon University held its 63rd Convocation, and Rector Dr. Tun Maung conferred degrees on 424 Law graduates, 810 Arts graduates, and 423 Science graduates. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 26: The pro-Rector and faculty of Mawlamyine University on Nov. 24 welcomed over 1,000 freshers for the academic year 1993-94. (NLM 11/27)

Nov. 29: At the 9th Convocation of the Institute of Agriculture at Yezin, Pyinmana, on Nov. 27, the Rector distributed 8 M.Ag., 2 M.Phil. (Ag), and 161 B.Ag. degrees. (NLM 11/30)

Sule Pagoda History

Nov. 13: The Sule Pagoda Historical Work Committee, and Sule Pagoda History Compilation Committee held their second meeting. They discussed issuing "an elegant book on factual and authentic history of the pagoda." The Work Committee includes U Than Oo (Secretary), U Tha Yin, U Hon Maung, and U Ye Hla. The Compilation Committee includes U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Than Htut (Taik Soe), U Thaw Kaung (Universities Library), U Tun Khin (Kyin Gyi Aung), Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), and U Khin Maung Tin (National Library). Persons wishing to submit publications, journals and newspapers, photos, palm-leaf manuscripts, and scrolls should contact the Pagoda Board of Trustees at Telephone numbers 82697, 83037, 73072, and 83006. (NLM 11/14)

New News Agency Telephones

Nov. 28: New telephone numbers of the Myanma News Agency are as follows:

Myanma News Agency (Internal):	
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Editor (Liaison)	94289
Editor (News)	94300
Myanma News Agency (International):	
Chief Editor	94159
Editor-in-charge	94160
Editor	94201
Head of Branch	94204

(NLM 11/28)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday Supplements

Nov. 7,14,21,28: Let us rally around the Tatmadaw, build and defend the country, by Minye Kaungbon. [Cont. (16-18) Organization of British India government. (19) Traditional Myanmar administration under King Thibaw.]

Nov. 7: Myanmar Naing-Ngan Forest School, by Pyin-Oo-Lwin Chit Swe [Cont. During the 95 years history of the school, the number of trainees has been:

1898-1910	138
1911-1942	631
1947-1952	182
1953-1983	1,055
1984-1988	300
1989	91
1991	106
1993	84

Totals: 531 Senior and 2,056 Junior Trainees.]

Nov. 7: National brethren rejoice as their future brightens, by Myo Kyaw Aung. [New railroad service in Kachin State.]

Nov. 7: Division weir for multiple cropping of paddy, by Tin Win Shwe (Shwe Pangon). [Visit to dam near Shwebo.]

Nov. 7: Summer Paddy, by Thandaing Bo. [Projects for growing summer paddy, which "yields better than monsoon paddy," though "some farmers have not yet learned its methods of cultivation."]

Nov. 7: The beginning of a long term plan for self-sufficiency in cooking oil, by Kyaw Sein. [Encouragement of palm-oil cultivation projects.]

Nov. 7: Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services: Presenting Myanmar to the World, by Maung Maung Soe. [Tourism. Since 1989 14-day visas given on 24-hour notice, and since Oct. 1992 individual tourists (as well as package tours) are accepted. Visitors may enter at Mandalay, Bagan, Nyaung-U, and Mawlamyine, in addition to Yangon. "In the past the best tourism year was when 42,000 visited the country but in the year 1992-93, 1.14 million {sic} tourists visited the country," earning US\$18.4 millions, yuan 4.1 millions, and bahts 5.3 millions.... The State is striving to receive up to 500,000 visitors a year," which would require 2,000-4,000 hotel rooms in Yangon within 2-3 years.]

Nov. 14: A double bonanza soon to appear in agriculture, by Aung Shwe Oo. [Summer rice and irrigation.]

Nov. 14: Dagon University, by Tekkatho Chit Swe. [New institution, scheduled to open Nov. 15.]

Nov. 14: Co-operative farming in Ayeyarwady Division, by Myint Thura. [As of October, 216 farm coops have been organized.]

Nov. 14: Myanma Co-operative College, by Kayan Soe Myint. [The Central Co-operative Training School in Mingun village, Phaunggyi village-tract, Hlegu Twp. {Yangon}, will become a College, with 600 students.]

Nov. 14: Plant rubber for long-term benefits, by Kyaw Sein. [Visit to new rubber plantations, 80% undertaken by private planters. New "seven star rubber planting technique," involves composting weeds and grass around bases of rubber trees.]

Nov. 21: Plant trees while pursuing education, by Kyi Win Nyunt. [School gardening programs.]

Nov. 21: An indispensable item in our daily diet, by Pe Than. [Edible oils: palm, groundnut, sesamum.]

Nov. 21: Farm Mechanization takes another step forward, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Training course in manufacture of small farm implements, such as pumps using outboard motor engines.]

Nov. 21: Interesting facts on yield of crops, by Dr. Tun Saing. [Yields of different varieties of paddy, maize, and other crops.]

Nov. 21: Summer paddy cultivation, by Ko Ye (Agriculture).

[Four million acres planned for this year.]

Nov. 21: The State's good intentions, by Maung Nay Lin (Panhlaing). [Agricultural loans for fish breeders.]

Nov. 28: A museum to preserve the glorious history of the Tatmadaw, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Tatmadaw military history museum, under construction on Shwedagon Pagoda Road.]

Nov. 28: Workers supporting agriculture, by Thandaing Bo. [Irrigation and farm machinery.]

Nov. 28: Marshalling home resources for farm mechanization, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Small scale industries chronicled.]

Nov. 28: A real asset to tourism, by Pe Than. [New hotels.]

Nov. 28: An industry which earns foreign exchange, by Tun Thant Zin. [Myanma Heavy Industry, under contract to Tran Sikun Co. of Singapore, exports parts for animal-feed processing machinery.]

Nov. 28: Systematic supply of water in cultivating paddy, by Than Hsaung (Myanma Agriculture). [Need for right amounts of water.]

Nov. 28: State's goodwill towards border areas, by Yaw Pinni (Saw). [Happiness in Saw Twp. {Magway}. Government employees get cheap food: rice at K16 per pyi (local market price K48); pork at K30 per viss (market price K75); beef at K25 per viss (market price K75); chicken at K35 per viss (market price K125); fish at K10 per viss (market price K100); and venison at K20 per viss (market price K65).]

Crime

Oct. 31: Yangon Division Court on Oct. 26-29 convicted offenders "who transported illegal teak, pyinkado and other timber into Yangon." Persons involved in smuggling 46.9 tons of illegal teak were sentenced to seven years imprisonment, and their trucks confiscated. Smugglers of 12.6 tons of pyinkado were sentenced to two years prison, and their trucks confiscated. 9 tons of lumber and an illegal sawmill led to another offender's receiving three years in prison. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 4: Between Sept. 26 and Oct. 22 DSI, police, and the Forest Department seized illegal timber totalling 1756.9 tons in various regions [extensive details]. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 12: A gang of cattle rustlers was rounded up in Hmawby Twp. on Aug. 24, and thereafter. They had stolen 8 cattle and 10 buffaloes. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 24: A thief who stole K8,650 from a house in Tarmway Twp. [Yangon] was arrested "by people of the community" on Nov. 11; the stolen property was recovered. \ \ On Nov. 12 and 15 14 persons were sentenced to prison terms of from 1-7 years for stealing timber; a vessel and four trucks were confiscated. (NLM 11/25)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Nov. 1: Kokang nationals in Muse Twp., Northern Shan State, destroyed two heroin refineries, including four huts, numerous chemicals [specified], etc. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 4: Authorities on Oct. 21 seized 150 bottles of Phensedyl at Kalaywa Jetty. The next day they seized 0.1 kilo of heroin. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 5: The Lashio anti-drug squad on Oct. 16 seized 4.5 kilos of heroin. (NLM 11/ 6)

Nov. 8: Tatmadaw intelligence on Oct. 11 seized 5.8 kilos of raw opium at the Naung Teng jetty in Namkham from two "citizens of the other country." Similarly, the Tatmadaw and the Lashio anti-drugs squad on Oct. 18 seized 6.6 kilos of raw opium. The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on Oct. 19 seized 1.63 kilos of raw opium in Bhamo Twp. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 11: The Kalay anti-drug squad on Nov. 9 seized 72 bottles of Phensedyl near the junction of Kalaywa and Pinlon roads. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 15: Acting on information from Wa leaders, police and others on Nov. 1 destroyed Shao Shwe Lon's opium refinery on Namtit Village-tract, Hopang Twp. [Shan], and two old refineries. Destroyed were 30 huts, chemicals, 59 gallons of liquid opium, etc. A ten-

member delegation from Yunnan Province, led by Police Superintendent Liu Cha Wei of Liu Chang District, observed the destruction. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 16: The Lashio anti-drug squad seized 0.9 kilo of heroin from a bus arriving from Pangsai. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 18: The Lashio anti-drug squad on Nov. 10 seized 10.3 kilos of raw opium. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: Mandalay railway police on Oct. 6 seized 4.9 kilos of raw opium on the Mandalay-Myitkyina up-train. On Oct. 1 they seized 2.8 kilos of opium on the same train. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 23: During October 1993, the Tatmadaw seized 47.6 kilos of opium, 11.0 kilos of heroin, and 16 gallons of hydrochloric acid. The Police seized 189.2 kilos of opium (85 cases), 27.3 kilos of heroin (217 cases), 22.1 kilos of marijuana (49 cases), 216.4 litres of Phensedyl (19 cases), 0.005 kilo of opium oil (3 cases), 15 tablets of Methaqualone (1 case), and prosecuted 198 cases of failure to register for treatment and 12 other drug-related cases. The PPF [sic -- was Customs meant?] seized 5.7 kilos of heroin (8 cases), 62.0 kilos of opium (6 cases), 0.01 kilo of marijuana (1 case), 18.8 litres of Phensedyl (1 case), and 0.5 kilo of opium oil. Altogether, 584 cases were exposed and 666 men and 128 women arrested. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 23: The Katha anti-drug squad on Oct. 30 seized 0.3 kilo of heroin in Htigyaing Twp. [Sagaing]. The Mandalay anti-drug squad on Nov. 6 seized 1.3 kilos of heroin. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 25: The Yangon anti-drug squad on Nov. 17 seized 3,000 ml of Phensedyl, as well as bottles of Phensedyl, Codeine, Comethazine, and other narcotic drugs in liquid and tablet form. Officials in Taunggyi on Nov. 15 seized 1,000 gallons of acetic anhydride, used in refining heroin. (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 26: DSI and police on Nov. 17 seized 4 litres of Phensedyl in Kawthoung [Tanintharyi]. (NLM 11/27)

Nov. 28: The Myitkyina anti-drug squad on Nov. 17 seized 0.2 kilo of heroin on a boat leaving for Bhamo. (NLM 11/29)

Nov. 29: The Kalay anti-drug squad on Nov. 22 seized 70 bottles of Phensedyl. (NLM 11/30)

Obituaries

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

Nov. 1: Daw Hmyin (Insein), wife of U Tint Mg (Rtd. SAE Municipality), died in Yangon, aged 83. [Christian] (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 2: Master Victor Mg Tu (ex-teacher), St. Joseph's, Toungoo, husband of the late Naw Presant, died in Yangon [no age given]. [Christian] (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 7: U Than Maung (a) Ahmed Than Maung, President (BaMaLa) of the Myanmar Muslim Youth Organization, husband of the late Daw Ahmarjan and of Daw Halima, died in Yangon, aged 76. [Muslim] (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 7: U Danny Myint Naing, ex Customs Officer (Pyin Oo Lwin), Chairman, MIMS Co., Ltd., husband of Daw Zon Htwe, died in Yangon, aged 57. [Christian] (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 7: Hosna Furoz died, aged 51 [rest in Burmese]. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 12: Sayamagyi Daw Kitty Thein, Cushing High School & Huldah Mix Girls' School (Taunggyi), died in Insein, Yangon, aged 91. [Christian] (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 19: U Ohn Kyi, connected with the Japanese Embassy, died, aged 89. [Acknowledgement] (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 20: Mrs. P. Tresham (a) Daw Mya Mya, (Ex-teacher) Methodist English High School (S.H.S. 1, Dagon), widow of Mr. D.A. Tresham, mother of...Anne Marie Tresham (Australia)...died in Yangon, aged 68. [Christian] (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 20: Fatima Sultan Kashany (Sheila), (a) Daw Sein Sein, widow of Syed Ali Ispahany...sister of Ali Akbar Kashany (Sydney) of Vancouver, Canada, Khadija Sultan Kashany (Kitty) of USA (Calif.)...

died in Yangon, aged 71. [Muslim] (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 20: George U Saw Ohn Yin, husband of Daw Ohn, died in Yangon, aged 86. [Christian] (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: Mrs. S.K. Khanna, wife of Mr. J.K. Khanna, died in Yangon, aged 61. [Hindu]. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: Patrick Kham Khan Mang (a) Saya Kham. B.A. (English), M.Phil., Dip. in TESOL (Manchester Univ. UK), Assistant Lecturer (English Department), Yangon University, died in Yangon, aged 39. [Catholic] (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 26: Devaraj Lazarus (a) U Po Aung, Senior Evangelist (LBC), died in Yangon, aged 72. [Lutheran] (NLM 11/27)

Nov. 26: U Tin Htwe (Writer Tin Htwe), Director (Admin), News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information, husband of Daw Mary (Myanma Fisheries), died in Yangon, aged 60. (NLM 11/27) // Nov. 28: Feature article. (NLM 11/28)

Postal Rates

Nov. 1: Air letters will be on sale at post offices at K1.25 for inland and K3.50 for overseas. (NLM 11/2)

Fire

Nov. 28: A fire broke out in Phalat village, Zinkyaik village-tract, Paung Twp. [Mon], destroying 570 houses and leaving 3,200 people homeless. Damage is estimated at K2 million. (NLM 11/29)

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