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HIGHLIGHTS

-- KNPLF, and Kayan Pyithit Party, return to Legal Fold  
[POLITICAL]  
-- Number of people repatriated from Bangladesh to Rakhine  
State increases [POLITICAL]  
-- Pro-Myanmar Congressional Testimony of Miriam Marshal  
Segal [FOREIGN VISITORS]  
-- ESCAP Regional Environmental Meeting [INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION]

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POLITICAL

Slogans

Recurrent Slogans: The bottom of each front page continues to bear the slogan: Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of the Union of Myanmar.

The top of each back page bears the slogan:

The Tatmadaw has been sacrificing much of its blood and sweat to prevent disintegration of the Union. All nationalities of the Union are urged to give all co-operation and assistance in this great task.

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

July 1-6: Sippanca, to acquire skill in sciences; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 7-15: Vinaya ca susikkhito, to be well-trained in discipline; this is the way to auspiciousness.

July 16-31: Subhasita ca ya vaca, to have words well spoken; this is the way to auspiciousness.

#### 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:

July 18: In honour of the Arzanis, by Win Naing. [Honor Bogyoke Aung San by supporting the SLORC and Tatmadaw.]

July 19: Preserve the heritage of national unity, by Wint Aung. [Patriotic discourse.]

July 20: Let us work hard as Bogyoke Aung San desired, by Myo Myat Swe. [Support economic development and 1996 Visit Myanmar Year.]

#### Returnees from Bangladesh

[Articles reporting the return of refugees from Bangladesh list the cumulative total since Sept. 22, 1992. Not all returns are reported in NLM.]

July 1: 68 persons from 16 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on June 29 "under the agreement reached between Myanmar and Bangladesh." Since Sept. 22, 1992, 55,284 persons from 12,412 households have returned. (NLM 7/2)

July 6: 159 persons from 39 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 4, bringing the total to 55,443. (NLM 7/7)

July 7: 180 persons from 40 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 6, bringing the total to 55,809. (NLM 7/8)

July 8: 152 persons from 24 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 7, bringing the total to 55,961. (NLM 7/9)

July 13: 153 persons from 32 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 11, bringing the total to 56,114. (NLM 7/14)

July 14: 166 persons from 36 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 12, bringing the total to 56,280. (NLM 7/15)

July 15: 132 persons from 34 households returned to Kanyinchaung camp on July 14, bringing the total to 56,562. (NLM 7/16)

July 20: 514 persons from 108 households returned to five reception camps on July 18 (97 to Taungpyo Camp; 121 to Ngakhuya Camp; 122 to Pyinphyu Camp; 129 to Kanyinchaung Camp; and 45 to Magyichaung Camp) bringing the total to 57,076. (NLM 7/21)

July 24: 312 persons from 69 households returned July 20 to the Taungpyo, Pyinbyu, and Magyichaung reception camps, bringing the total to 57,713. (NLM 7/25)

July 28: 406 persons from 80 households returned July 25 to the Taungpyo, Ngakhuya, Pyinbyu, Kanyinchaung, and Magyichaung reception camps, bringing the total to 58,119. (NLM 7/29)

July 29: 283 persons from 61 households returned July 27 to the Taungpyo, Ngakhuya, Pyinbyu, and Magyichaung camps, bringing the total to 58,593. (NLM 7/30)

#### Special Refresher Courses

July 4: Special Refresher Course No. 5/94 for Revenue Officers opened, and was addressed by Director-General Lt-Col. Than Nyunt of the Internal Revenue Department. (NLM 7/5) // July 28: The course concluded. Addressing them, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin said "there are entrepreneurs who are charging exorbitant prices for goods produced by them giving excuse that they have to pay high taxes.... As the entrepreneurs have obtained receipts from the consumers on which taxes are to be paid to the

State, failure to settle their dues amounts to misuse." (NLM 7/29)

July 17: The closing ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 9 for Basic Education Teachers was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. He discussed the educational system at length, concentrating on the "Increase in number of students relying on tuition." In particular, "he disclosed that as one of the measures, personnel concerned were making arrangements to open evening classes for the welfare of education employees and in the interest of the students. Students of poor performance in their learning and those who would like to improve their level of subject studies would be able to attend classes of their own teachers in extra time right at their schools, he said.

"He observed that in the educational sphere at present, some teacher would not cover the entire syllabus, they failed to teach full time, they were weak in ensuring the students' regular attendance and enforcing discipline. This made students rely on tuition, he said. At the same time, he said, students with personal weakness in learning, those whose parents could not provide enough supervision and those who would like to gain high marks depended on tuition.

"Whatever the reasons were, he said, an increase in the number of students relying on tuition adversely affected teaching and enforcement of discipline at schools. The fact was that the practise of taking tuition from own teachers with fees spread and irregularities increased. No one could deny that, he added.

"There arose improper competitions, bias and favouritism among the students, teachers and parents because of taking tuition. Irregularities also occurred in setting examination questions, correcting answer papers and issuing results.

"That was why systematic arrangements were made to do away with tuition, he said...."

Turning to anti-narcotics activities, he denounced Khun Sa and his drug traffickers at length.

Concluding, he turned to politics. "Regarding democratic and human rights, he said that Myanmar nationals had possessed democratic and human rights for years as suited to them by Myanmar tradition; there was no such give-and-take concept as being just and fair only when there was interest as the West. Myanmar had four cardinal virtues of the worldly values such as loving kindness, compassion, rejoicing at someone's success and detachment, which were pure and noble, not related to such concepts as giving, taking, exchanging, assisting and flattering...." These values should be taught to children. (NLM 7/18)

#### Special Regions

June 30, July 1-3: The study group from the Kayan Region Development Committee continued its excursions to economic and tourist sites in Yangon. (NLM 7/1-4) // July 5: The group was served tea by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, who said their tour was "aimed at enhancing national unity and perpetuation of the Union." (NLM 7/6) // July 6: The study group returned to Loikaw by tat // July 6: The study group returned to Loikaw by Tatmadaw special aircraft. (NLM 7/7)

July 4: A tractor course for national youths of the Kachin Special Region-2 concluded in Myitkyina June 30. Northern Commander gave 19 tractors to Kachin Special Region-2 delegate U La Mong Tu Jang. (NLM 7/5)

#### Meeting With NLD Defectors

July 4: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt met with NLD Representatives-Elect from Kachin State who had absconded to Pajao region in Kachin State, formed the National League for Democracy (North), and subsequently returned to the legal fold. They are U Kyaw Maung (Mohnyin-1), U Kya Mya (Mohnyin-2), U N Nan Gam (Machambaw), U Yaw Si (Putao), and U Ma Phan Hsin (Khawbude), as well as NLD

organizers U Min Shwe and U Ba Win from Kyunhla Township [Sagaing] and U Thein Aung of Mogaung Township. (NLM 7/5)

July 7: The Representatives-elect held a press conference, recounting their experiences, and the disillusionment that led to their return, in detail [extensive coverage in NLD]. One of them noted that the foreign "Non-Governmental Organization" providing assistance to the dissident groups in Manerplaw was from Norway. (NLM 7/8)

#### Border Development

July 5: Speaking to the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt gave the following figures for funds spent in Special Regions and other border areas (in millions of kyat):

	1993-41	1994-52	1989-943
Kachin-1	13.15	11.05	35.71
Kachin-2	38.67	37.88	38.71
Kokang	40.36	22.30	147.96
Wa	104.89	58.30	248.93
Shan	9.73	7.48	35.96
Kachin	10.33	4.63	39.25
Palaung	6.24	0.85	20.52
Kengtung E	59.70	81.78	209.01
Mawpha	2.78	4.28	17.56
Pa-O	3.86	4.79	20.30
Kayah	2.37	3.50	11.50
Rakhine	26.16	11.10	81.13
Chin	0.25	1.35	6.48
Naga	2.82	2.56	10.89
Kabaw	8.15	10.91	28.25
Tanintharyi	6.70	2.00	15.29
Kayin	1.01	5.90	3.37

1 = Spent from border areas development funds in fiscal 1993-94  
2 = Appropriated for fiscal 1994-95  
3 = Total actually spent from 1989 to June 30, 1994

Overall, the Minister said, K 1839.84 million were spent between 1989 and June 30, 1994; K 1011.86 from border areas development funds and K 827.98 million from Ministry funds. (NLM 7/7)

July 3-7 : Vice-Chairman of the SLORC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye toured Mandalay and Shan State, visiting economic and other sites. (NLM 7/4-8)

#### Khun Sa

July 8: A documentary film on opium refining camps seized from Khun Sa will be screened at the Nawada, Thamada, Naypyidaw, Yeyint, and Hsuhtoopan cinemas in Yangon from July 8-14. The film, Tatmadaw-ka-yewunt-suntsar-taikkhaik-theinpaik-khethi Bein-chet-sakhanmya ("Opium Refining Camps the Tatmadaw had attacked and captured with valour and sacrifice"). (NLM 7/9)

July 10: 1,700 people attended a mass rally in Mongpan, at which Shan leader U Sai Htun San denounced the atrocities of Loimaw drug traffickers. (NLM 7/11)

July 11: 4,000 people attended a mass rally in Mongnai, at which Shan nationals U Aung Ko Ko and Daw Lay denounced the atrocities of Loimaw drug traffickers. (NLM 7/12)

July 12: 3,000 people attended a mass rally in Maukmai, at which Shan national U Sai Ohn Thwin and Pa-Oh national U Tezar denounced the atrocities of Loimaw drug traffickers. (NLM 7/13)

July 13: Editorial: The fight must go on, on all fronts. ["Very recently, Khun Sa's Loimaw drug traffickers suffered heavy losses under crushing blows of the Tatmadaw.... Their continued existence and activities in drug trafficking pose danger to millions of people, especially the youth, around the world. Myanmar is determined to continue the fight against their destructive atrocities whether it

receives international help or not...."]

Khin Nyunt on Culture

July 8: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Central Committee for Revitalization and Preservation of Myanmar Cultural Heritage, spoke to the group at its second meeting at the Fine Arts Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

He said "it could be firmly said according to historical evidence that ancient Myanmar had established a unique culture since the stone age long ago.

"He observed that cultural heritage emerged since ancient Myanmar established city states over thousand years ago and ancient cities such as Beikthano, Hanlingyi, Srikhestra, Tagaung, Wethali, Kyaikkatha and Mongmaw, had been excavated by the Department of Archaeology and preserved as cultural heritage.

"He spoke of efforts being made for revitalization and preservation of historic records concerning the first Myanmar Naingngan-daw established by King Anawrahta, the second Myanmar Naingngan-daw established by King Bayintnaung and the third Myanmar Naingngan-daw established by King Alaung Mintaya U Aung Zeya.

"Especially, he said, works of cultural heritage of Bagan Period during the first Myanmar Naingngandaw were of extraordinary value and world famous; and as the site of King Bayintnaung's Kanbawzathadi Palace at the ancient city of Hanthawady during the second Myanmar Naingngandaw had been discovered, arrangements were being made for restoration of the palace.

"He said that similarly, preparations were being made for the restoration of Yadana Theinkha Palace, the throne of King Alaung Mintaya U Aung Zeya who established the third Myanmar Naingngan-daw, and moreover, archaeological exploration was being conducted at ancient cities such as Innwa and Pinnya in keeping with historical records.

"The Secretary-1 reminded that if there was no systematic preservation of cultural legacies, historical evidence and ancient edifices that had stood for a thousand of years, the history of Myanmar people and Myanmar cultural history would gradually fade away with the domination of alien cultures and the weakening of spirit of patriotism.

"So, he said, the State Law and Order Restoration Council had formed the Central Committee for Revitalization and Preservation of Myanmar Cultural Heritage with duties assigned to it....

"He spoke of spending a great deal of funds expended on the preservation of ancient cultural and historic edifices during the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

"He stated that palace site of the ancient city of Bagan had been discovered after excavation of the site and reconstruction of Myanansankyaw Shwenandaw of Mandalay Yadanabon Naypyidaw had been completed 75 per cent.

"Regarding the safe-keeping of antiques, the Secretary-1 said that as stringent checks and prevention and control against smuggling antiques out of the country was being carried out, such cases had now been curbed and controlled.

"He explained to the committee that with a view to systematic preservation of cultural legacies and works of the Bagan Period, the time of greatest flourishing of Myanmar culture, accession to the convention on the safeguarding the world's cultural heritage and natural resources was signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and sent to the UNESCO and the master plan for safeguarding the Bagan cultural heritage was being drafted in cooperation with the UNESCO...." (NLM 7/9)

KNPLF Returns to Legal Fold

July 11: Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races "received leader U Tun Kyaw and party of Kayinni National People's Liberation Front of Kayah State, which returned to the legal fold, at

the Tatmadaw Guest House...." (NLM 7/12)

#### Kayan Pyithit Returns to Legal Fold

July 26: Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt of the Work Committee for development of Border Areas and National Races led an elaborate ceremony in Loikaw to welcome the return to the legal fold of the Kayan Pyithit Party, and its leader U Than Soe Naing. [photos] (NLM 7/27)

#### DIPLOMATIC

##### Diplomatic Calls

The following calls were paid on Burmese officials by foreign Embassy or UN officials accredited to Burma. Ambassadors generally accompany foreign visitors from their countries on official calls, and their presence is generally not noticed in this Summary.

June 30: Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Viet Tan called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. Austrian Ambassador Dr. Nikolaus Scherk called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 7/1)

July 1: Laotian Ambassador Kideng Thammavong, who has completed his tour of duties in Myanmar, was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 7/2)

July 12: Bangladeshi Ambassador Brig. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman (Retd) called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 7/13)

July 13: Swedish Ambassador Miss Eva Heckscher called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/14)

July 14: The Swedish Ambassador called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 7/15)

July 20: US Air Attache Lt-Col. Michael F. McCarthy, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen. Thein Win to present his successor, Lt-Col. Steven D. Rients. They were accompanied by US Defence and Army Attache Col. Danwell A. Lee. (NLM 7/21)

July 25: Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Laotian Charge d'Affaires Mrs. Virachait Vongsak called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint, who told her that Myanmar would shortly send a donation of 500 tons of rice and 50 tons of salt to Laos. (NLM 7/26)

July 27: Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin; Myanmar on July 25 presented China with US\$ 500,000 "under the agreement on conveyance of Buddha's Sacred Tooth Relic from the PRC." (NLM 7/28)

##### US Reception

July 4: United States Charge d'Affaires ai Mr. Angus Simmons welcomed Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe at the American Independence Day reception. (NLM photo caption 7/5)

##### New Ambassadors to Myanmar

July 12: Myanmar has approved the appointment of Mr. Ly Bounkham as new Ambassador of Laos to Myanmar. He was born in 1951 in Champassak Province, Laos, joined the Ministry of Information in 1976, and has served as Second and First Secretary, and presently Counsellor, in Bangkok. He is married and has two sons and a daughter. (NLM 7/12)

July 13: Miss Eva Heckscher presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Swedish Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 7/14)

July 13: Myanmar has approved the appointment of Air Vice

Marshal (Retd) Abbas H. Mirza as new Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar. Born Sept. 8, 1943, he holds a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies and received training in the US from 1961 to 1963. He also attended the UK Staff College at Bracknell and the National Defence College. He has served on deputations to Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt. He has also served as Chief of Safety, Commander of Air Defence and Fighter Bases, and Air Officer Commanding Northern Air Command, Pakistan Air Force. He is married and has three children. (NLM 7/14)

July 17: Myanmar has approved the appointment of Mr. Terbishiin Chimiddorj as new Ambassador of Mongolia to Myanmar. He was born in 1945 in Selenge Province, Mongolia. After studying at the Institute of International Relations in Moscow he served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and at Mongolian Embassies in France and Laos from 1968 to 1983. He then became Head of Section at UNESCO in Paris. He became Director of the Press and Information Department at the Foreign Ministry in 1990, and was appointed as Ambassador to India in 1993. He is married and has six children. (NLM 7/18)

#### New Myanmar Ambassadors

July 14: Myanmar Ambassador to France U Nyunt Tin left for Paris. (NLM 7/15)

July 22: U Aung Gyi presented credentials July 12 in Istanbul to President Suleyman Demirel as new Myanmar Ambassador to Turkey. (NLM 7/22)

July 27: U Khin Nyein presented credentials July 19 in Rome to President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro as new Myanmar Ambassador to Italy. (NLM 7/27)

July 30: Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Myint as new Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore. (NLM 7/30)

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

##### Joint Workshops & Projects

July 11: A 4-day Seminar on Myanmar-Korea Executive Management, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Trade and Samsung Corporation, opened. (NLM 7/12)

July 11: A pilot planning workshop on community base drug abuse demand reduction was held June 27-July 1 in Muse [Shan], with the assistance of ESCAP. 40 participants, including 10 delegates from China, Muse officials, and trainees, attended. (NLM 7/12)

July 12: The Premier Seminar on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems [GIS] in the Management of National Natural Resources, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Forestry and United Engineering Myanmar (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. was held, and was addressed by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. He noted that 50% of Myanmar's land surface is covered with natural forests, totalling about 33 million hectares. The maximum allowable annual cut of under 3 million cubic metres was established many years ago. "We nevertheless have numerous other pressures that are constantly threatening to decrease our forest cover...." That is why Myanmar is turning to GIS. Three foreign speakers from Intera Information Technologies of Canada were welcomed: Vice President Mr. Marc C. Wride, Manager Miss M. Diane Thompson of the Geo-informational Services, and Manager Dr. Mercer of the Special Project Division. Also speaking was Managing Director Mr. Kenneth K. Shein of UE Myanmar (Singapore). (NLM 7/13)

July 13: A Seminar on Wireless Local Loop and Immarsat-M (Mr. Herbie Gledhill), Iridium (Mr. Neo Kim Thuay), and Vsat (Ms. Kaneungjit Wijitpiyakul), sponsored by UCOM Group, Bangkok, was held at the Posts and Telegraphs Training School. (NLM 7/14) // July 15: The Seminar was held again. (NLM 7/16)

##### Foreign Donations

July 6: Mr. M. Takamatsu of Yamaha Corporation of Japan donated Yamaha electronic musical instruments worth US\$ 3,000 to the

University of Culture. (NLM 7/7)

July 7: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, represented by regional officer Mr. Floyd Barnaby, together with the Myanmar Red Cross, donated medicines worth K 125,000 to the Contagious Diseases Hospital. (NLM 7/8)

July 12: President Mr. Yoji Nomaguchi and party of Forum International Club presented an Air Ration Machine to the City Golf Resort. (NLM 7/13)

July 24: Minister Nobutake Odano of the Japanese Embassy in Yangon donated 100 footballs to the Sports and Physical Education Department. (NLM 7/25)

July 27: Mr. Ezoe of Fujitsu Limited, Japan, donated office automation equipment to the Myanmar Institute for Strategic and International Studies; also present was General Manager Mr. Ikeya of Daimaru Corporation. (NLM 7/28)

July 29: The German Ambassador, on behalf of Dr. Dietrich Mahlo (Member of the German Parliament, 1964-68, and [former] First Secretary at the German Embassy in Yangon), donated 500 X-ray films worth K 32,500 to the Yangon General Hospital. Chairman Nam Suk Han of Hae Nam Co. Ltd. of Korea presented US\$ 500 to the Myanmar Red Cross Society, in honor of the Korea-Myanmar youth team project. (NLM 7/30)

#### Border Demarcation

July 17: A six-member Myanmar delegation led by Capt. Tun Aung (Navy), Director-General of the Survey Department, Ministry of Forestry, left for New Delhi, India, for discussions with the Indian Surveyor-General on joint inspection, maintenance, and repair of boundary pillars on the Myanmar-India border. (NLM 7/18)

#### Regional Environmental Meeting

July 19: A press release from the National Commission for Environment Affairs (NCEA) [full text in NLM] stated that a Regional Meeting on the State of the Environment in Asia and the Pacific will be held in Yangon from July 26-30, 1994. It is co-sponsored by NCEA and ESCAP. Senior officials from 29 regional and other countries, and experts from UN, international, and non-governmental organizations will participate. It will "review the preparation of the 1995 State of the Environment (SOE) Report for Asia and Pacific." (NLM 7/20)

July 26: The meeting opened at the International Business Centre, and was addressed by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Chairman of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs. Senior officials from over 20 ESCAP countries, as well as representatives and experts from UN agencies and non-governmental agencies are participating. The Minister said "this regional meeting will complement those [the 1985 and 1990 State of the Environment] reports as its overall objective is to provide an opportunity for senior government officials to discuss in an integrated manner issues related to the assessment of the State of the Environment at the national and regional levels in preparation for the 1995 SOE report." Noting that the region is subject to all kinds of environmental problems, including "deforestation, desertification, climate change, etc.," he said "eradication of poverty and greater equity in income distribution" were major challenges. "Alleviating poverty...is no longer simply a moral issue but a practical imperative.... Achieving sustainable development will require that all countries, particularly the developed, change their consumption patterns." He reviewed Myanmar forest conservation policy, and promised that the participants would be invited to visit the reforestation programme in the Popa district [near Bagan]. The Minister hosted a dinner for the participants. (NLM 7/27)

July 27: The meeting continued. Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay hosted a dinner for the participants. (NLM 7/28)

July 28: The meeting continued. Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe hosted a dinner for the participants. (NLM 7/29)

July 29: The participants visited Bagan-Nyaung-U, and toured

the Popa sanctuary. Director Mr. Guangchang Shi of the ESCAP Environment and Natural Resources Management Division hosted a dinner for the participants at Yangon's Narawat Hotel. (NLM 7/30)

July 30: The meeting concluded, after discussing and deciding on reports presented by two working groups. (NLM 7/31)

#### FOREIGN VISITORS

##### International Agency Visitors

July 6: East Asia Division Chief Mr. H. Behrstock of the UNDP called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 7/8)

July 11: Senior Economist Mr. Sudhir Shetty of the World Bank called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 7/12) // July 15: He called on the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 7/16)

##### Cultural and Medical Visitors

June 30: A five-member delegation led by Prof. Zhang Aoluo of the Science and Technology Commission of Yunnan Province, China, met with Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/1)

July 28: A 43-member Thai delegation led by General Secretary Mr. Mongkol Boonwong of the Thai National Culture Commission visited Myanma TV and Radio Department, and studied telecasting of a Myanmar traditional dance program in Studio 1. (NLM 7/29)

##### Business Visitors

June 30: Senior Vice-President Mr. William A. White of Macann Erickson Thailand Ltd. discussed "Visit Myanmar Year 1996" with the Information Sub-committee of the Tourist Industry Development Management Committee. (NLM 7/1)

July 7: Senior Adviser Mr. Soedarmono of the Panin Group, and party, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/8) // July 8: The delegation called on Governor U Kyi Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and gave it a license to open a Representative Office of the Panin Bank International Inc., of Nauru. (NLM 7/9)

July 11: Chairman Mr. Cegill Shin of Samsung Corporation of Korea, accompanied by Korean Commercial Counsellor Mr. Seung Chul Kim, called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss extension of the Yangon container terminal, port modernization, and study programmes. (NLM 7/12)

July 12: Chairman Mr. Arya Johan Singgih of PT Armada Eka Lloyd Group of Indonesia and party called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, to discuss cooperation with Myanma Five Star Line and financial assistance for building ships in Myanmar. (NLM 7/13)

July 16: Mr. Stevens of Roman Group Co. Ltd. demonstrated production of Roman ceramic tiles; a similar demonstration will take place in Mandalay on July 17. (NLM 7/17)

July 20: A seven-member delegation from the Israeli Manufacturers Association led by Mr. Z. Plada of the Metal and Electric Division called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 7/21) // July 21: They met with members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and officials of the Myanmar Agricultural Service, and called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, on Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, and on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/22)

July 20: A Thai trade delegation led by Assistant Professor of Social Science Dr. Scksin Srivatananukukit of Chiang Mai University visited the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He was accompanied by Researcher Miss Porninon Trichot of the Asian Studies Division of Chulalongkorn University and Mr. Prasit Tiport Wettaya Prasit of the Economic Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (NLM 7/21)

July 21: Chairman Nathan F. Rothman and party of Trade Interface Corporation of the USA called on Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 7/22)

July 25: Mr. Steve Paris and Mr. Wayne Kelsall, Apple computer experts from New Zealand, have been conducting training at the Institute of Computer Science and Technology for several weeks, under the auspices of Capital Mac, Apple Computer's Myanmar distributor. (NLM 7/26)

July 26: The General Manager of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), accompanied by Second Secretary (Commercial) of the Indian Embassy Mr. J.R. Sharma, called on members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 7/27)

#### Foreign Journalists

July 11: Bangkok Bureau Chief Mr. Philip Shenon of the New York Times met with SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 7/12)

July 14: A US journalist and photographer delegation led by Prof. Dr. Barry Wilson Barker of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, met with Minister for Health and Acting Minister for Information Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, and discussed environmental protection, cultural matters, economic conditions, health activities, information, population plan, education, and religious affairs of Myanmar. (NLM 7/15)

July 20: Senior Deputy Managing Editor Takao Ohuchi of Yomiuri Shimbun Daily and party called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 7/21)

#### Japanese Oppose Sanctions

July 1: The June 30 issue of The Japan Times carried an article by Kazuo Nukazawa called Entice Myanmar toward more democracy [photo copy of English-language article, and transcription, published in full in NLM]. The article is by the Managing Director of Keidanren (Japan Federation of Economic Organizations) which visited Myanmar June 15-18. It deprecates sanctions as an ill-advised way of pressuring countries towards democracy, and expresses confidence that "as economic liberalization proceeds, democratization will accelerate. Mindful that the warmth of the sun induces a change of mind more often than the severity of the northerly wind, the Japanese government should keep up efforts at friendly persuasion with the Yangon leadership." The article calls for foreign assistance for humanitarian and civilian needs, such as education, and US cooperation in cutting the flow of money to the drug lords. If the international community is willing to provide aid to North Korea "to buy peace," "the continuing embargo by the Western powers on economic aid to Myanmar, a country well on a course of economic opening and democratic reforms, is hardly comprehensible." (NLM 7/2)

#### Indian Rail Delegation

July 4: General Managers Anil Madan and Dhanpat Rai of Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein to discuss exchange of technology, repair of locomotives, and building of coaches. (NLM 7/5)

#### American Praises Myanmar

July 7: Ms. Miriam Marshal Segal, Chairperson of Peregrine Capital Myanmar Ltd. and Miriam Marshal Associates International called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 7/8)

July 8:  
Rampant misinformation pollutes reasoned discourse on Myanmar.  
Myanmar enthusiastically rolling out welcome mat even to dissidents.

Statutes have resulted in flood of private entrepreneurial activity

All sectors of economy have blossomed under more liberal atmosphere

Myanmar sacrificing human and material resources in anti-drug fight  
National reconciliation in Myanmar is making impressive progress  
Positive changes have planted seeds of democracy in Myanmar

We should do all we can to reinforce every step toward democracy

Ms. Segal gave a statement June 29 before the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee for Asia and the Pacific of the US House of Representatives, which were broadcast by the Voice of America. Discussions include officials and Congressmen, but also expatriates like Sein Win. The majority who spoke "could not have known well about the country. [They]...were those who had never set foot in Myanmar Naing-Ngan, those who had visited the country only once or twice and some were those who had never visited the country legally but only the camps and headquarters of armed groups in far-flung border areas opposing the Government."

However, there were three members of the House of Representatives, including Matthew Martinez of California, and Ms. Miriam Marshall Segal, "whose attitudes towards Myanmar Naing-Ngan reflect the prevailing situation in the country.... The full text of the statement by Ms. Miriam Marshall Segal distributed at the hearing...is reproduced, on pages 2 and 3 of this issue."

STATEMENT OF MIRIAM MARSHALL SEGAL

[NLM prints full text of Statement and Annexes]

The statement recounts Ms. Segal's 18 year experience in Myanmar, and her involvement in a fisheries joint venture and other investments.

The report, in the May 5 Boston Globe, that Myanmar raffled off fishing rights to raise "hard currency to finance the cost of purchasing Chinese weapons," is "undiluted nonsense." Myanmar has thrown out almost 650 foreign fishing vessels. My company has gradually increased the number of Chinese fishing boats in Myanmar from 9 to about 50; if Myanmar wanted the weapons, it could have invited in 600 Chinese fishing vessels. "One wonders what motivated the writer of this article."

"The most obviously visible change in Myanmar...is the sharply increased number of tourists and business visitors now pouring in Myanmar. What was once a completely closed country is now enthusiastically rolling out the welcome mat even to dissidents. Former Prime Minister U Nu's daughter and her husband, vocal critics of the regime, recently visited Myanmar....

"Omar Farouk, a former journalist from Myanmar who now resides in Australia, recently wrote as follows:

"Irreversible changes are taking place in Burma after the "Young Turks" [have taken over]. Karl Marx is out; Gautama Buddha is in... The Burmese Muslims are again free to use loudspeakers from the minarets. Visiting foreign pastors can now address their congregations in churches. Pilgrimages to Mecca and the Vatican are no longer a problem. The revolution of the mind has begun."....

Changes are visible everywhere, "in streets and shops, in villages and farms, and in the attitudes of Government officials...."

"There is now a concerted diversion of the economy from military and defence goals to one where civilian needs assume priority." The three statutes on private enterprise "have resulted in a flood of private entrepreneurial activity." Some information is contained the Annexures to this statement. The eventual goal of privatization is clear; in fisheries it is already almost total.

Every sector has blossomed. Paddy production increased to 835.7 million baskets, up 124.6 million. In 1993-4 crude oil output was 7.3 million US barrels and natural gas 38.7 million feet; up from 1.9 and 10.4 the previous year. Output in tin, tungsten, gold, refined silver, and lead has surged. 16,770 miles of roads were extended or repaired and 95 bridges built.

A National Health Plan has been adopted, and 45 projects have been launched in cooperation with WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, etc., including child immunization, post natal care, etc.

Narcotics control measures have been "vigorously stepped up...."

The statement goes on to a long justification of SLORC intervention in 1988 to prevent a civil war, and lists eleven dissident groups with which the government has made peace (details in

Annexure I). It says democracy cannot be imposed, and notes that the US has close economic relations with several countries without democracy and with "appalling" human rights records, like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Military rule in Indonesia did not impeded US relations, nor the "savage butchery of thousands of dissidents" in many Latin American countries.

"Sanctions and enforced isolation" won't help. Rather, "We can make an important contribution to Myanmar process of democratization and economic liberalization only if...we engage in an active dialog. We should take active steps to increase the flow of books and magazines, professors and businessmen, tourists and observers. We should do all we can to reinforce every evolutionary step toward democracy, and constantly press for change. Most importantly, we should without any further delay send an Ambassador to Myanmar. If we are serious about it, how can we convey a message without a messenger?"

US antagonism do not impede trade and investment from Japan, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, and Korea. "These countries will make money while we preach."

#### ANNEXURE I

##### LIST OF INSURGENT GROUPS WITH WHOM PEACE TALKS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED

1. Myanmar National Democracy Alliance (MNDA)  
(Hpone Kyar Shin) 31-3-89
2. Myanmar National Solidarity Party (MNSP)  
(Kyauk Ny Hline) 9-5-89
3. National Democracy Alliance Army Military & Local  
Administration Committee (Eastern Shan State) (NDAA)  
(Sai Lin) 30-6-89
4. Shan State Army (SSA)  
(Sae Htin) 24-9-89
5. New Democratic Army (NDA)  
(Sa Khone Taing Yin) 15-12-89
6. Kachin Defence Army (KDA)  
(Ma Htu Naw) 11-1-91
7. Pa-O National Organization (PNO)  
(Aung Hkam Hte) 18-2-91
8. Palaung State Liberation Party (PSLP)  
(Ei Mone)
9. Kayan National Guards (KNG)  
(Gabriel Byan) 27-2-92
10. Kachin Independence Organization (KIO)  
(Brang Seng) 1-10-93
11. Kayinni National Liberation Front (KNLFF)  
(Htun Kyaw) 9-5-94

#### ANNEXURE II

Contains extensive, mostly narrative, data on privatization and joint ventures, etc. (NLM 7/9)

#### Korean Red Cross Youth

July 13: Thirteen Red Cross youths from Korean universities will come to Myanmar to "contribute voluntary service in greening of environment" together with 40 Myanmar Red Cross youths from July 21-Aug. 10, 1994. A coordinating meeting was held to plan for the visit. (NLM 7/14) // July 21: The 12-member Korean Red Cross youth delegation, led by Mr. Kun Woong Lee, arrived. (NLM 7/22) // July 23: A ceremony was held by the combined team, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and other officials. (NLM 7/24) // July 24: The two teams "carried out community welfare services at Hlawga watershed forest plantation." They will continue working on the two-acre area until July 27, and will plant 1,200 teak and fast-growing trees. (NLM 7/25) // July 26: The youths planted saplings. (NLM 7/27) // July 27: The Korean and Myanmar youths exchanged experiences. (NLM 7/28) // The youths met with Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/28) // July 29: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay hosted a lunch for the youths. (NLM 7/30) // July 30: They carried out community health care work in Mingaladon, planted 70 teak and star-

flower trees around a school, and visited the Bogyoke Aung San Market and Myanmar Department Store. (NLM 7/31)

#### Australian Senator

July 15: Australian Senator Robert Hill (Shadow Minister for Education, Science and Technology and leader of the opposition in the Senate) called on National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice Aung Toe and other Commission members, accompanied by First Secretary John Philp of the Australian Embassy. He also called on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay, and on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 7/16) // July 18: He called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 7/19)

#### Malaysian Transport Minister

July 18: Malaysian Minister for Transport Dato Seri Dr. Ling Liong Sik, accompanied by Malaysian entrepreneurs, arrived. He was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, and called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. Accompanied by Malaysian entrepreneurs, he called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and discussed air transport and cooperation between the two countries, assistance to Yangon Port, and cooperation in banking and industries. The Minister hosted a lunch. After lunch he called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. In the evening the Malaysian Minister hosted a dinner for Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 7/19) // July 19: He departed. (NLM 7/20)

#### MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

##### Study Delegations

July 1: Primary Assistant Teachers Daw Kaw Kaw Myint and Daw Nyo Nyo Win, from Hlegu and Hline Townships, left for Singapore to attend the 8-month Attachment Course on Primary Education and Attachment Course on Secondary Education respectively, under the Colombo Plan. (NLM 7/2)

July 4: Tutor Daw Mi Mi Pyone of the Department of French, Institute of Foreign Languages, left for France July 1 to attend an Orientation Course in French Language, under French government sponsorship. Deputy Staff Officer Daw Khin Than Lwin of the Central Statistics Organization left for India July 1 to attend a six-month course on Industrial Statistics and Related Topics at the Indian Statistical Institute, under the UN Technical Cooperation Programme. (NLM 7/5)

July 5: Associate Professor Daw Si Si Shein of the Department of Japanese, Institute of Foreign Languages, left July 4 for Japan to attend Japanese Language Short-Term Training Programme under Japanese Government auspices. (NLM 7/6)

July 16: Editors U Theim Htut of The New Light of Myanmar and Daw Mya Mya Toe of The Guardian left for India to attend the 23rd Diploma Course in News Agency Journalism for Non-Aligned Countries from July to November. (NLM 7/17)

July 20: Assistant General Manager U Chit Thein of Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank left for India July 19 to attend a 6-week International Programme on Banking and Finance under the Colombo Plan. (NLM 7/21)

July 30: Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Oo of the Trade Department left for Sri Lanka to attend the Regional Workshop on Agricultural Marketing Liberalisation and Privatisation, being held in Colombo from Aug. 1-6. (NLM 7/31)

##### Delegations to Meetings & Events

July 2: A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin left for Hanoi to attend a Conference on Eradication of Leprosy sponsored by the WHO and the Sasakawa Foundation from July 4-7. He is accompanied by Specialist (Leprosy) Dr. Tin Shwe of the Bago Division Healthy Department. (NLM 7/3) // July 9: The delegation returned. (NLM 7/10)

July 21: Student youths, led by supervisor teacher SAT of Sangyoung BEHS Daw Thida Oo left for Fukuoka, Japan, to attend the Sixth Get-together of Youths and Students from Asia and Pacific Region. They are Maung Kyaw Htin Aye (5th Standard, No. 4 BEMS, Myitkyina), Maung Kyaw Phyo Paing (5th Standard, No. 1 BEHS, Loikaw), Maung Sai Wunna (7th Standard, NO. 6 BEHS, Sittway), Maung Min Htet (5th Standard, No. 1 BEMS, Pathein), Ma Khaing Mon Kyaw (5th Standard, No. 1 BEHS, Khin-U), Ma Nan Mon Mon Hkam (5th Standard, No. 5 BEMS, Lashio), and Ma Pan Ei Ei Thant (5th Standard, No. 3 BEHS, Myeik). (NLM 7/22)

July 22: The cultural troupe led by Director U Tun Zaw of Research and Training Branch of the Fine Arts Department returned from the July 16-20 Tari-94 dance festival in Kuala Lumpur. [Departure of the troupe was apparently not reported.] (NLM 7/23)

July 22: A delegation led by Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung left for Colombo, Sri Lanka, to attend the Ministerial meeting of member countries of the International Cooperatives Alliance of Asia and the Pacific. He was accompanied by Director U Pe Sann and Assistant Director U Saw Aung of the Cooperative Department. (NLM 7/23)

#### Foreign Minister to Malaysia

July 6: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw will visit Malaysia in the near future, at the invitation of Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi. (NLM 7/7) // July 10: He departed, accompanied by Director-General U Tin Tun and Deputy Director U Kyaw Nyunt Hman and Head of Section U Htin Lin. (NLM 7/11) // July 14: He returned. In Malaysia he had discussions with the Malaysian Foreign Minister, and with Minister of Primary Industries Dato Sari Lim Keng Yaik and Minister of Science, Technology and Environment Datuk Law Hieng Ding. He also studied the Rubber and Palm Oil Research Institutes of Malaysia. He gave talks at the Institute of Diplomacy of Foreign Relations on Myanmar foreign policy. (NLM 7/15)

#### Workers to Korea and Singapore

July 7: 250 more workers left for Korea under a two-year contract with Multigate Corporation (Myanmar) Ltd. of Korea; 247 others had left June 23. (NLM 7/8)

July 8: Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung addressed the opening of the Foreign Job Orientation Course No. 4/94 for Myanmar Workers, attended by workers going to the Republic of Korea. 325 trainees are attending the six-day course. (NLM 7/9)

July 13: Foreign Job Orientation Course No. 5/94 for 50 Myanmar Workers going to Singapore under an arrangement with Insol PAC Services Co., CDC Construction Co., and Robin Employment Agency, began. The workers include 20 plumbers, 25 bar-benders, and 5 welders. (NLM 7/14)

July 28: The third batch of 250 Myanmar workers left for Korea. (NLM 7/29)

#### Two Ministers Visit Indonesia

July 10: A 10-member cultural and education delegation led by Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw and Minister for Education U Pan Aung left for Indonesia at the invitation of the Indonesian Minister of Education and Culture. The delegation included Deputy Education Minister Dr. Than Nyunt, Director-General Dr. Khin Maung Win of the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department, Director-General U Myo Nyunt of the Basic Education Department, Director-General Dr. Ye Tut of the Department of Cultural Institute, Director-General U Tin Htoo and Director U Ngwe Tun of the Fine Arts Department, and PSOs Maj. Myat Thura and U Maung Maung Htay. (NLM 7/11)

July 19: The Ministers returned. (NLM 7/20)

July 21: On July 11, the party called on President Suharto, and on Minister of Education and Culture Prof. Dr. Ing Wardiman Djojonegoro;

they visited the Open University, and the Center of Communication Technology for Education and Culture. On July 12, they went to Bandung, and visited the Nusantara Aircraft Industry; Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw visited the Academy for Indonesian Dance and Minister for Education U Pan Aung the Vocational Education Development Centre; they both then visited the Asia-Africa Museum devoted to the 1955 Bandung Conference. On July 13 they returned to Jakarta; the Minister for Culture visited the National Museum and the Minister for Education visited the University of Indonesia. They studied the Taman Mini-Indonesia and then left for Yogyakarta. On July 14 they visited Borobudur Temple; the Minister for Culture visited the Indonesian Academy of Fine Arts and the Minister for Education visited the University of Gadhaj Mada. They then visited the Sultanate's Palace and left for Bali. On July 15-16 they visited Temples, cultural institutions, and the Denpasar Art Museum, and watched traditional dances, before leaving for Singapore. On July 18 the Minister for Culture called on Singapore Minister of Information and Culture and Health Brig-Gen. George Yeo, while the Minister for Education called on Singapore Education Minister Mr. Lee Yoh Sung. (NLM 7/21)

#### Mines Minister to Canada & USA

July 10: At the invitation of Ivanhoe Myanmar Holdings Co. Ltd. of Canada, Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min left to study copper and gold mining in Canada and the US. He was accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen. Khin Maung Than of No. 11 Light Infantry Division, Managing Director U Ko Ko and Adviser U Aung Bo of No. 1 Mining Enterprise, Managing Director U Tin Win and Deputy General Manager U Mya Win of No. 2 Mining Enterprise, Ministry Head of Office U San Thein, and the Minister's PSO Capt. Maung Htwe. (NLM 7/11) // July 28: The Minister returned. (NLM 7/29)

#### Yangon Mayor to Singapore

July 12: A delegation led by Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay left for Singapore, at the invitation of Globe Myanmar Resources Co. Ltd., Singapore. With him were YCDC Joint Secretary Col. Myint Aung, Head of Playgrounds, Parks and Gardens Department U Nyunt Pe, Head of Engineering (Roads and Bridges) Department U Bo Htay, and Branch Head U Tin Win. (NLM 7/13) // July 21: He returned. (NLM 7/22)

#### Livestock Minister to China

July 20: A delegation led by Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung left for China, at the invitation of Chinese Minister of Agriculture Liu Jiang. With him were Director-General U Soe Win of the Planning and Statistics Department, Director-General U Kyaw Lwin of the Fisheries Department, Managing Director U Tin Maung Myint of the Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise, and Assistant Manager U Khin Maung Soe of Myanma Fisheries Enterprise. (NLM 7/21)

July 29: The Minister returned, after holding talks with his counterpart and a group led by Beijing Mayor Mr. Li Qiyuan. An agreement was signed July 25 between the Beijing Fisheries Corporation and the Myanmar Ministry. En route home, the delegation studied fish and prawn processing and cold storage in Hong Kong. The Minister held a news conference July 28 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, attended by various foreign news media, and briefed them on the political, economic, and social situation in Myanmar. In the evening, Mr. Phillip Tose of Perigrine Co. hosted a dinner for the Myanmar delegation. (NLM 7/30)

#### Foreign Minister to ASEAN Meeting

July 25: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw returned from the July 22-23 27th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok. With him was Deputy Director-General of the Ministry, U Khin Maung Win. The Minister attended the opening and closing ceremonies of the meeting,

as well as the dinner hosted by the Thai Foreign Minister. While in Bangkok, the Minister called on Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, and held talks with the Foreign Ministers of Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, Australia, and Japan. He also met the Foreign Ministers of China, Russia, Vietnam, Laos, and Papua New Guinea. A luncheon was hosted for him July 23 by Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Thai House of Representatives Dr. Krasae. The Minister also met with UNDP Assistant Administrator/Director U Nay Htun to discuss Myanmar-UN cooperation. [Minister departure not reported in NLM] (NLM 7/26)

#### Delegations Return

[Return of delegations whose departure was reported in earlier months.]

June 30: The delegation led by Director-General U Saw Oo of the Central Trade Disputes Committee returned from Singapore, where it had studied employment opportunities at the invitation of J. Mori Marketing and Consulting Pte. Ltd. (NLM 7/1)

June 30: The industrial study group led by Factory Manager U Aung win of No. 3 Factory, Myanma Heavy Industries, returned from Yunnan. (NLM 7/1)

July 1: The refugee study group led by Director-General U Saw Thein of the Relief and Resettlement Department returned from a study of UNHCR activities in Vietnam, South Africa, Mozambique, Malawi, and Switzerland. (NLM 7/2)

July 4: The delegation led by Director-General of the People's Police Force Police Maj-Gen. San Thein, Secretary of the CCDAC, returned from the Fourth Joint Executing Meeting of Myanmar, Thailand and UNDCP held in Bangkok, and the subsequent Senior Officials Meeting for Drug Control Strategy of Myanmar, Thailand, China, Laos, and UNDCP held in Vientiane, Laos. (NLM 7/5)

July 6: The writers delegation led by General Manager U Saw Myint (Maung Saw Myint) of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, returned from China. (NLM 7/7)

July 21: The 25-member Myanmar economic study delegation returned from Korea after nearly a month at the invitation of the Lucky Goldstar Group. (NLM 7/22)

#### MYANMAR GAZETTE

##### Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

July 6: U Ohn Lwin, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 7/7)

July 13: Lt-Col. Aung Gyi, Director (Production), to be Managing Director, Myanma Ceramics Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

U Thein Tan, Director (Admin), Myanma Textile Enterprise, to be Managing Director, Myanma General Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

U Tun Aung Myint, Director, to be Director-General, Marine Administration Department, Ministry of Transport. (NLM 7/14)

##### Appointments

The SLORC has transferred and appointed:

July 6: U Aung Myint, Director-General, Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department, to be Director-General, Directorate of Investment and Companies, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 7/7)

July 13: U Hla Min, Director-General of the Marine Administration Department, to be Managing Director, Inland Water Transport, Ministry of Transport. (NLM 7/14)

##### Confirmation of Appointments

The SLORC has confirmed the following, after a one-year probationary period:

July 20: U Ohn Than as Director-General, Bureau of Special Investigation, Ministry of Home Affairs. (NLM 7/21)

#### GOVERNMENT

##### Legal Articles

July 4: Drug-related cases vs discrepancies in testimonies of prosecution witnesses, by KMO. [Law cases, demonstrating that persons can be convicted even if there are discrepancies in prosecution testimony.]

July 17: Speedy, effective, correct and equitable disposal of cases, by KMO. [Rules intended to prevent delay in the conduct of trials.]

##### Aircraft Rules Amendment

July 14: SLORC Rules No. 1/94 of July 14, Rules Amending the Union of Myanmar Aircraft Rules, 1937, adds a new Part XIV--Air Operators' Certificates [full text in NLM], requiring all operators of public transport aircraft flying in Myanmar to possess a Certificate issued by the Ministry of Transport. (NLM 7/15)

#### MILITARY

##### Attacks by Armed Groups

July 25: Five members of the Kayin armed group "fired on the audience at the 83rd birthday ceremony of Thamyinnya Taung Sayadaw being held at the foot of the hill on 23 July 1994. Two twin brothers were shot and killed. (NLM 7/26)

##### Surrenders by Armed Group Members

June 30: Between May 27-31, 24 members of armed groups returned to the legal fold at various Tatmadaw camps, with their weapons [names and details]. The total for May was 109. (NLM 7/1)

July 26: Between June 1-9, 21 members of armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 7/27)

July 27: Between June 10-21, 23 members of armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 7/28)

July 28: Between June 21-30, 22 members of armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details], bringing the monthly total for June to 66. (NLM 7/29)

##### Attacks on Khun Sa

July 13 [full text]: Khun Sit Hsan Kya, who led a notorious Loimaw drug traffickers groups which brutally murdered villagers near Meipan Creek in Monghsat Township on 20 March 1993 died in a battle with Tatmadaw columns under the Eastern Command. The Tatmadaw columns launched an assault on Loimaw drug traffickers who were active after taking foothold in Loihan Kaungmu region, north-west of Tachilek Township, from 20 May to 12 July and captured all enemies' camps. The enemy suffered heavy casualties in the battles and fled the region in disarray and over 80 of them who were wounded in the battle are being treated in a hospital in Maheintet near the Thai-Myanmar border." (NLM 7/14)

#### ECONOMIC

##### Economic Articles

July 13: God sees the Truth, by Htay Aung (Tourism). [Tourism is rapidly growing despite slanders by some media groups that "Myanmar people are barbarians and the country is not secure. The trips to tourist sites and destinations are very dangerous. Modes of transport are poor and unsafe." Makeup of the Tourism Industry Development Management Committee formed in April 1994, and its projects and plans, reviewed.]

July 17: Water for Agriculture: Water to Drink, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Twelve special dam projects described.]

July 21: Namwok Hydel Power Station to Give Light Where Darkness Was, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Account of station's inauguration on July 17.]

#### Project Inaugurations

July 1: The Myanma Department Store was inaugurated on the ground floor of the Theingyi Zay "C" Complex, attended by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. There are 56 counters in Building 3 and 43 in Building 4, "for sale of consumer goods, canned foods, beer, liquor, cigarettes, medicines, soft drinks, stationery, cosmetics, personal goods, leatherware, clothes, electronic appliances, watches, textiles, plastic goods, longyis, footwear, blankets and bedspreads." Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi spoke, saying that the Store was intended "to help promote the private sector, to make arrangements in preparation for the Visit Myanmar Year 1996, to create job opportunities and to enable the public to purchase various goods at a most suitable place." (NLM 7/2)

July 1: Myanma Shipyards delivered a 400-ton "coastal ro-ro ferry" to Myanma Timber Enterprise. It cost K 19.6 million including K 8.9 in foreign currency, is 50 metres long, and has a crew of 14. Powered by two Swedish 510 HP Volvo Penta Tamd [sic] 162-Q engines, the craft can cruise 2,000 miles at 8.5 knots. (NLM 7/2)

July 4: The Kanbawza Bank Limited of East Yoma Housing Investment Co. Ltd., recently authorized by the Central Bank of Myanmar [see last month's NLD] opened in Taunggyi on July 1. (NLM 7/5)

July 9: The 250-ton cargo barge No. Ta-2501 was launched by Dalla Shipyards, under the contract between Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation of China and Inland Water Transport. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt attended. (NLM 7/10)

July 9: The K 14 million two-storey Mingaladon Market opened. (NLM 7/10)

July 11: The Apple Centre of Cooperatives Stores Syndicate was inaugurated at 364/366 Maha Bandoola Park Street by Chairperson Daw Wah Wah Tun. Present was Managing Director U Dennis Win Thein of the New Zealand Capital MAC Centre Ltd. The Center will sell computers and disseminate computer technology. (NLM 7/12)

July 12: The 100-ton cargo barge No. Ta-1001 was launched by Ahlon Shipyard, was commissioned by Industrial Import and Export Corporation of Yunnan. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt attended. (NLM 7/13)

July 12: The Pyay Township Myanma Economic Bank building was inaugurated. (NLM 7/13)

July 16: The 300 foot Lilu Bridge opened July 14 in Namhsan Township [Shan]. (NLM 7/17)

July 17: The K 93.8 million Namwok Hydel Power Plant was inaugurated by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. It will generate 10.5 million KWH, saving K 11 million of diesel oil, and will provide 24-hour power to Kengtung. (NLM 7/18)

July 23: The 1,641 foot Bayintnaung Bridge across the Hline River was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and numerous other dignitaries. The bridge, which will provide road links to Ayeyarwady and Rakhine, cost K 250 million. (NLM 7/24)

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#### Foreign Business Agreements

July 13: The Myanma Economic Bank signed an agreement with Myanmar (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., represented by Managing Director Mr. K.K. Shein, for upgrading its office automation by the purchase of computers and cash counters. (NLM 7/14)

July 20: Sann Aung Imaging Ltd. (SAIL) Advertising Agency, represented by Dr. Khin Khin Kyawt, signed an affiliation agreement with McCann Erickson Worldwide Advertising Agency, represented by Chairman Mike Farrior. (NLM 7/21)

July 21: A Memorandum of Understanding to form a joint-venture company, Myan-mar Elcon Gold Ltd., was signed between Shwenga Leather Goods Producers Cooperative Society, represented by Chairman U Sein Tun, and Elcon Co. of Malaysia, represented by Chairman Michael Schreiber of Elcon GmbH Telecommunication (M) Sdn. Bhd. Col. of Malaysia. Also speaking was Parliamentary Secretary of Malaysia Mr. Datuk S.S. Subramanian. (NLM 7/22)

July 24: A Memorandum of Understanding on a second stage for construction of vessels was signed between Inland Water Transport, represented by Managing Director U Hla Min, and Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation of China, represented by General Manager Yang Guo Xiang. (NLM 7/25)

July 26: A contract was signed between Myanma Shipyards, represented by U Percy Maung Maung, and Meiwa Marine and Industrial Pte. Ltd. of Indonesia, represented by Managing Director Mr. Edwin Toh, for the construction in Yangon of a US\$ 2 million, 125 ft., fire-float and a cargo barge, to be used in Indonesian off-shore oil wells for "controlling of sea pollution." It was Myanma Shipyards' first foreign order. (NLM 7/27)

July 26: A contract was signed between Vehicle, Machinery and Equipment Trading, represented by Managing Director U Aung Kyi, and Yangon Investment Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), represented by Mr. Loo Heng Shuen, for construction of the Yangon Hotel at the corner of Signal Pagoda Road and Yawmingyi Road. Also present, in addition to officials, was Group General Manager Larry Chua of Pidemco Land. (NLM 7/27)

July 29: An agreement was signed between Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, represented by Managing Director U Htay Aung, and Advanced Communications Co. Ltd. (ACCL) of Thailand, represented by Chairman Mr. Chaiaree Santipongchai, for publication and distribution of the Myanmar Telephone and Business Directory. ACCL will publish 100,000 copies of the Directory annually, beginning in early 1995. (NLM 7/30)

July 30: An agreement "for purchasing and building ships" was signed between Myanma Five Star Line (MFSL), represented by Managing Director U Khin Maung Htoo, and Industrial Import and Export Corporation of Yunnan, represented by Deputy General Manager Mr. Yang Guo Xiang. (NLM 7/31)

#### Business Registrations

June 30: From April-June, 1994, the Company Registration Office has registered 319 limited companies, 25 foreign companies/branches, and 25 partnerships. Before March 1994 there had been registered 3,815 limited companies, 331 foreign companies/branches, and 974 partnerships. (NLM 7/1)

#### Minerals

June 30: A production sharing contract for mining of antimony ores in Peinchit and Konsut regions, Kayah State, was signed between No. 3 Mining Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Mya Soe and Myanma Resources Development Co., represented by Managing Director U Than Maung.

July 1: Myanma Gems Enterprise will sell raw jade and jade ornaments to foreign gem merchants on July 5-7 "as an interim arrangement." (NLM 7/2) // July 5: 424 lots of jade worth US\$ 6.8 million, owned by the Myanma Gems Enterprise, joint ventures, and private entrepreneurs, were inspected by 62 merchants from 36 firms, and 27 local jade entrepreneurs. Invitations were sent to 120 companies. (NLM 7/6) // July 6: 80 merchants from 5 foreign countries and 30 local entrepreneurs are taking part; bids were submitted. (NLM 7/7) // July 8: Sales totalled K 5,486,327.53 (US\$ 919,260). 83 foreign merchants and 32 locals bought 78 lots (out of 428) of jade blocks and ornaments worth K 5,055,017.65 (US\$ 846,992) through competitive bidding, and jewellery and jade figurines at fixed prices worth K 431,309.88 (US\$ 72,268). (NLM 7/8)

July 7: A joint venture contract for mining chromide ore in Tagaung Hill Region in Thabeikkyin and Htigyaint Townships, Mandalay Division, was signed by No. 3 Mining Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Mya Soe, and Technology Advisory Group (Myanmar), represented by Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyunt. (NLM 7/8)

#### Express Bus to Mandalay

July 1: the first Trade Express Passenger Bus left for Mandalay at 7 am. Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi said the Ministry was starting the service between Yangon and Mandalay "for the safety and convenience of passengers and added that profits from the business would be used for welfare of its service personnel." The service will operate with 3 Fuso, 2 Hino, and 1 Isuzu buses, carrying 45-49 passengers, and equipped with radio and TV, air conditioning, and a soft-drink counter. The buses will leave Yangon and Mandalay at 7 am daily, arriving at their destinations at 9:30 am the following day; brief stops will be made at Bago, Nyaung-laybin, Toungoo, Pyinmana, and Meiktila. Following several days at reduced rates, the cost will be K 800 each way. (NLM 7/2)

#### Credit Cards & Bank Licenses

July 13: The Central Bank of Myanmar has permitted three private banks -- Myanmar Oriental Bank Ltd., Yoma Bank Ltd., and Myanmar Mayflower Bank Ltd. -- since July 8 "to conduct the local currency Credit Card operations, which are widely popular in international financial system." (NLM 7/14)

July 20: The Central Bank of Myanmar on July 18 issued licences

to Bank of Ayudhya Public Company Ltd., Thailand, and Overseas Union Bank Ltd., Singapore, to open representative offices in Yangon. Previously, nine other foreign banks were licenced. (NLM 7/21)

#### Cellular Phones & Faxes

July 20: A second batch of 1,000 cellular phones is being issued at Cellular Telephone Section, Trunk Telephone Communication Base Station (MPT Head Office) at 125 Pansodan Street. A first batch of 1,000 phones was inaugurated on Dec. 8, 1993. (NLM 7/21)

July 24: A public fax machine was inaugurated at the Kengtung Telegraph Office. (NLM 7/25)

#### New Aircraft

July 30: Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win inspected a new F-27 Fokker aircraft imported from the Netherlands. The aircraft, XY-AER, will be used on local flights. (NLM 7/31)

#### 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	82.64	111.18	95.12
1994, as of:			
July 1	39.17	43.78	40.16
July 15	53.03	55.85	54.33
July 30	67.56	68.98	67.01

July 6: 10.35 inches of rain were recorded in Mawlamyine in 24 hours, the heaviest July rainfall record in 32 years. (NLM 7/7)

July 7: 11.54 inches of rain fell in Mawlamyine in 24 hours, setting a new 32-year record. 17.28 inches fell in Thaton, setting a 24-year record. (NLM 7/8)

#### SPORTS

##### Myanmar Teams and Delegations

June 30: A 15-member swimming team led by President Cmdr. Tha San (Navy) of the Swimming Federation, and including 2 coaches and 13 swimmers, left for Bangkok to participate in the July 1-3 Open Division Invitational Swimming Contest. The swimmers are Sao Ohn Hsai, Phyo Htet Aung, Lin Aung Aung, Phyo Aung, Kyaw Ye Thu, Thein Aye Zaw, Moe Thu Aung, Nwe Hnaung, Ei Ei Han, Wai Wai Lwin, Ei Wai Wai Kyaw, and Thwe Thwe Win. (NLM 7/1) // July 4: Moe Thu Aung (Agri) won gold in the women's 200-metre butterfly, and three bronze in the 100-metre butterfly and 200-metre and 400-metre medley. Sao Ohn Saing (Agri) won silver in men's 200-metre breaststroke and bronze in 100-metre breaststroke. Myanmar won bronze in 100-metre shuttle. 16 teams from five countries participated. (NLM 7/5) // July 19: The returning victorious swimmers were honoured. (NLM 7/20)

July 14: A youth rowing team led by Rowing Federation President U Han Tin, and comprising three members, left for Munich, Germany, to attend a rowing course from July 16-Aug. 9. (NLM 7/15)

July 18: A youth karatedo team, led by Karatedo Federation President Police Col. Khin Maung Tun left for Australia to participate in the World Cup Invitational Karatedo Contest for Youths in Perth, July 23-24. The team includes Aung Zaw Min (Industry-2), Saw Min Naing (Rakhine State), and Aung Zin Oo (YCDC). (NLM 7/19) // July 27: The Myanmar team returned. Aung Zin Oo won a bronze in men's under-18 Kumite contest; Saw Min Naing won a bronze in men's 15-16 Kata contest. This put Myanmar No. 11 out of the 17 participating countries. (NLM 7/28)

July 22: Two marathoners left for Thailand to take part in the Thai Pattiya Marathon on July 24. They are Myint Kan (PPF), and Mya Thway (PPF). (NLM 7/23)

July 22: Tun Tun Kyaw, Naing Moe Aye, Min Htet, Lu Min Han, Kyaw Thu, and Han Kyi of the Myanmar Yachting Team left for France to take part in the first international yachting championship on July 25. (NLM 7/23)

July 26: A women's volleyball team led by Volleyball Federation President U Aung Kyi left for Vietnam to participate in the July 29-Aug. 4 International Women's Volleyball Tournament in Hanoi. The team includes a manager, a coach, a referee, and 12 players. (NLM 7/27)

#### Foreign Teams and Delegations

July 5: The Saigon Port soccer team will play friendly matches in Yangon on July 11, 13 and 15. (NLM 7/6) // July 9: The team arrived. (NLM 7/10) // July 11: Myanmar beat Vietnam 2-0. (NLM 7/12) // July 13: Myanmar beat Vietnam 4-1. (NLM 7/14) // July 15: Vietnam beat Myanmar 2-0, as Olympic Council Chairman Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung looked on. The team will depart July 16. (NLM 7/16)

July 30: Two Dutchmen, Roel Hendriks, aged 36, and Henk Dingemans, swam across the Thanlwin [Salween] River at Hpa-an in twenty minutes, on July 28. The two are trying to swim across all the world's rivers more than 2,000 long, in order to get into the Guinness Book of Records. "The residents cheered and congratulated them on their success." (NLM 7/31)

#### HEALTH

##### Health Articles

July 19: Breast-feeding week, by Professor Mya Mya. [Virtues of breast feeding.]

##### Malaria

June 30: The Central Supervision Committee for Prevention and Treatment of Malaria met and was addressed by its Chairman, Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. He called for prevention as well as cure, for more public education, and for adequate stocking of treatment medicines in rural clinics. He said that the malaria control strategy was being implemented with the assistance of WHO, UNDP, and Arten Zonder Grenen (AZG). (NLM 7/1)

#### CULTURAL

##### Cultural and Scientific Articles

July 3: The Cat Family, by Colonel Hla Aung (Rtd). [Cont. (22) There are 36 kinds of cats, and articles beginning Jan. 30 have discussed the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, jaguar, puma, and cheetah. More articles will follow when "scarce and difficult to come by" information on "the small cats" is obtained.]

July 5: A testimony to One Earth One Family, by U Ye Myint. [Survey of new environmental protection law, which promotes the 1994 Environmental Protection slogan of "One Earth One Family."]

July 10: World Population Day, by Theimm Htut. [Success in reducing world population growth "will spell the difference between leaving our descendants a future full of opportunity or despair." In Myanmar, "appropriate steps are taken so that population policies can be laid down.... The present population growth rate is 2.02 per cent and the total population stands at roundabout 44 million. Family planning project is being implemented for enhancing the maternity and child health standard." The project is being implemented with aid from the UN Fund for Population Activities in four townships each in Bago, Ayeyarwady, Magway, and Mandalay, and two each in Sagaing and Yangon, as well as Zigon and Thanatpin Townships in Bago and Tada-U Township in Mandalay. "The elderly population, age 60 years and above, constitutes 7.11 per cent (2.9 million) of total population.

Myanmar population distribution is not homogeneous; the Government has introduced programmes for balanced population distribution and regional development in border areas.]

July 12: Extensions of the Metonic Cycle, by Dr. Tin Maung (Retired Rector). [Discussion of lunar cycles discovered by ancient Greeks, and their use in calendars; with computer program in Pascal Language.]

July 15: Safeguarding and Enriching our Myanmar Culture, by Hla Aung. [On June 24 Yangon Commander Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt urged Myanmar artistes to preserve Myanmar culture and to dress appropriately. Writers too, need to protect Myanmar culture. "The public...need to be protected from bad and unwholesome alien influences. Highlighting of sex, pornography, crime and violence, and the use of mind and health destroying drugs, are not part of our national culture. These need to be played down at all times. Our people certainly deserve all that is good, while rejecting all that is bad or unwholesome from foreign cultures."

[The following are "cherished values of Myanmar culture...":

1. Respect for our religious values, parents and teachers, our elders, and old-aged people. Respect for other people's religious beliefs. Or non-belief. Religious and racial tolerance.
2. The teaching of good Theravada Buddhist social values at home for Buddhist children from childhood. Or other religious values for Myanmar children of other faiths.
3. Being careful not to offend others.
4. Goodwill, kindness, and generosity to others.
5. Not being solely materialistic in outlook but equally accepting spiritually-oriented values as well.
6. Greed in moderation of the middle way, or less if possible.
7. Showing of restraint in anger or harbouring ill-will towards others.
8. Friendliness to all.
9. Dislike greatly criminal tendencies in people, or criminal incidents like -- robbery, hold-ups, murder, arson, rape, suicide, or prostitution. (Our statistics in this are very low indeed at present, and we all like to keep it that way).
10. Not showing favour for intoxicating drinks or pernicious drugs.
11. Moderation in speech, dress and behaviour.
12. Rearing of our children not only by parents alone, but also by grandparents and close relatives who have a say.
13. Consolidation of family life.
14. Modesty and moderation in one's private life between the sexes.
15. And many other 2,000 years of time-tested valuable points of Myanmar culture.

[Moreover, to survive in a competitive, materialist age, "internationally accepted values" are needed "for a prosperous modern state with a virile market-economy...":

1. Discipline in all things we do in our daily lives, for discipline is the hallmark of greatness.
2. Habits of obedience, without wavering, to the rule of law.
3. Respect for international law and internationally accepted norms.
4. Seriousness in our working life. Working hard at all levels.
5. Punctuality.
6. Good discipline at schools, colleges, offices, factories, in the fields, and by all State personnel. And an efficient civil service.
7. Queuing. Accepting the principle of first-come-first served.
8. Keeping our villages, towns and cities clean and presentable to foreigners for our tourist trade which can be very lucrative.
9. Throwing away waste matter only into bins kept for that purpose.
10. Paying attention to the rules of the road for motorists.
11. Paying our dues and taxes regularly as required by law.
12. And many other points of good discipline and decent internationally accepted behaviour.

["But in spite of more and more contacts with foreigners for the quick uplift of our market-oriented economy, the influence of worldwide television, and foreign radio broadcasts aimed at our country, there is no reason whatsoever why we cannot safeguard our very sound Myanmar culture within our own borders. And also to enrich it."]

#### Publications

June 30: Review of the Financial, Economic and Social Conditions for 1993-94, published by the Planning Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development is now on sale at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop, 529 Merchant Street, Yangon, for K 85 (Myanmar version) and K 100 (English version). (NLM 7/1)

July 6: Selected Monthly Economic Indicators for March and April, published by the Central Statistical Organization, went on sale at the Sarpay Beikman Bookshop. It contains "exports and imports, retail and wholesale prices, consumers' speculative prices, gold price, production of goods, financial matters, foreign exchange rates, and statistics concerning transport, numbers of tourists and employment." (NLM 7/7)

July 14: Drug Warlord Khun Sa, by Saw Daung Nyo. In Myanmar and English. (photo of cover NLM 7/14)

July 21: Panorama for July, published by Panorama Media Myanmar Ltd., a "business and tourism news magazine," appeared. Lead article "Update Tourism Industry." (photo of cover NLM 7/21)

July 21: Yadanarthit Magazine, Vol. I, No. 8, with pretty girl on cover. (photo of cover NLM 7/21)

July 30: Myanmar Review. Articles on Myanmar sports, traditional culture, etc. (photo of cover NLM 7/30)

#### Education Employees Cooperatives

July 3: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee, inspected shops of the Education Employees Cooperative Limited in Pabedan, Lanmadaw, Kyimyindine, and Tharkayta Townships. (NLM 7/4)

July 8: An EEC was formed in the Myanmar Educational Research Bureau. (NLM 7/9)

July 24: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee, visited EEC shops in Latha, Dagon, Sanchaung, and Kamaryut Townships, Yangon, "and gave counsel to personnel concerned." (NLM 7/25)

#### Culture for Tourists

July 4: A coordination meeting on "Myanma drama show for tourists" was held, and Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt "attached the importance of ancient Myanmar traditional drama and preservation of traditional style in performance." (NLM 7/5)

#### Bayintnaung Palace Restoration

July 28: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt laid the foundation "for the construction of a royal chamber of King Bayintnaung's Kanbawzathadi palace at the site for the reconstruction of the palace in Bago this morning." Chairman Saya Myaing of the Myanmar Astrological Research Committee performed rituals, and those present said prayers. (NLM 7/29)

July 29: Editorial: Of regal era. [British theft of Mandalay Royal Regalia and other national treasures recalled. "In order that today's generation and future generations would be able to cherish sovereignty and behold evidence of our sovereign independence, the Mandalay Palace that was bombed out by the British in their scorched-earth policy at the time they withdrew from Myanmar during World War II was rebuilt and restored to its original grandeur. In the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, not only the Mandalay Palace but also the Palace of King Bayintnaung in Bago is being rebuilt. Just yesterday, the foundation for the construction of the royal chamber of the Kanbawzathadi Palace was laid with due pomp and

ceremony as befits royalty...."]

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

All Supplements: Lists of "Our Three Main National Causes," 11 "Special Projects," Six Special Project Bridges, and 12 Special Project Dams [see May issue.]

July 3,10,17,24,31: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [(1-2) Cottage Industries Department of the Ministry of Cooperatives. Visit to Department. (i-ii). (3-4) Industry-based Agricultural Nation. (i) Work of Agriculture Ministry. Current land-use in Myanmar is (in million acres):

Total arable land	45.17
Under cultivation	21.39
Fallow	3.58
Arable virgin land	20.20
Reserved forests	25.18
Open forests	54.80
Other lands	42.03

(ii) Technological improvements in agriculture. (5) The Most Important Basic Natural Resource. (i) Operations of Forestry Ministry.]

July 3: -- Rakhine summer paddy to take a step forward, by Aung Shwe Oo. [How Agriculture Department demonstrated value of growing summer paddy.]

-- Tourism: Pleasant home draws guests, by Pe Than. [Need to build and renovate hotels and renovate antiquities in preparation for Visit Myanmar Year 1996.]

-- Tourism: Bogyoke Kandawgyi Hotel Park View Hotel await "Visit Myanmar Year 1996", by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Two hotels under construction.]

-- Combining three capabilities for the country, by Hmaw-woon Win Myat. [Road and bridge projects in Kyauktan Township.]

-- Changing crop pattern of paddy, by Min Soe (Agriculture). [Extending acreage and changing cultivation techniques.]

July 10: -- Myanma Agricultural & Rural Development Bank, Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Value of loans to farmers. In 1993-94, the Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank made the following loans (millions of Kyat):

Cultivation loans	K 2,616.00
Development loans	195.00
Stock breeding loans	277.00
Gardening loans	7.13
Sericulture loans	2.58
Salt making loans	27.51
Fish-paddy integrated farming loans	45.49
Border area development loans	45.54
Total	K 3,216.35

As of Mar. 31, 1994, 96.31 per cent of these loans have been recovered.

Cultivation loans are issued at the following per-acre rates:

Special high yield paddy	K 400
High yield paddy	300
Paddy	200
Groundnut	500
Potatoes	300
Onions	200
Myanmar tobacco	150
Chillies	150
Wheat	170
Sunflower seed	140
Mustard	80
Matpe, butterbean, pelun, bokate	

pe, suntani, santapya, pegyi, pegyar, peyin, kalape, penauk, pesingon, pebyulay	100	
Sesamum		70
Long-staple cotton	200	
Mahlaing cotton	80	
Wagyi	8	
We-galay	40	
Millet		80
Jute	200	
Sugarcane	300	
Virginia tobacco	150	

Loans to breeders are given at the following rates (Amount - period):

K 20,000: Carp group hatchery (per acre, 12 mos.); Carp group caging (per 10 cages, 12 mos.) K 20,000 12 mos.; Prawns (per acre, 12 mos.).

K 15,000: Poultry (100, 15 mos.); Broilers (1,000, 6 mos.); Pheasant (200, 12 mos.); Quail (500, 12 mos.); Duck (100, 15 mos.); Geese (100, 12 mos.).

K 10,000: Milch cow (each, 3 yrs. in 3 installments); Bees (10 hives, 3 yrs.).

K 6,000: Sow (each, 2 yrs.); Pig (5, 12 mos.); Milch buffalo (each, 3 yrs., 3 installments).

K 3,000: Crabs (1000, 6 mos.); Turkey or swan (10, 12 mos.); Sheep or goat (10, 18 mos.).

The bank has branches in 212 townships.

Other statistics.]

-- Hsin Chaung Dam, by Tin Win (Yesagyo). [Dam irrigating 1000 acres in Yesagyo Township.]

-- But now its like a big town, by Kyu Kyu Thin.

[Development in U Aung Zeya village in the Kebaw valley on the Indian frontier.]

-- Cotton fields in upper parts of Myanmar, by Myint Lwin Thein (Pyawbwe). [Development in Pyawbwe Township.]

-- Nyaungtaya village to become developed in education, by Than Wai (Taunggyi). [Development in Pinlaung Township, Shan State].

-- Assistance provided by State to farmers, by Ye Myint Swe. [In Pyapon, Ayeyarwady Division.]

July 17: -- Banbwagon Dam to help develop Thanlyin-Kyauktan area, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Dam in Kyauktan Township, Yangon, opened June 28, 1994.]

-- Development of border areas, by Thandaing Bo. [Myanmar border villages contrast miserably with those on the other side. Border peoples "usually think highly of the better place. Some of them even think that they belong to the other country." That is why the SLORC started border development programmes.]

-- Namwok hydel power plan project, by Ye Myint Pe. [10.5 million kwh plant 12 miles south of Kengtung.]

-- Self-reliance endeavour to widen Goktwin section, by Pyin-Oo-Lwin Chit Swe. [Work on Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myitkyina motor road.]

-- Renovation of Minkangyi Pond in Magway, by Kyaw Zaw Lin. [Renovation of pond, built by King Anarawhta, 90% complete. "It will soon become a beautiful and pleasant pond."]

-- Towards mechanized agriculture, by Pyawbwe Kyaw Sint (IPRD). [Visit to the Pyawbwe tractor station.]

July 24: -- Agricultural Development through Land Reclamation, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [81,195 acres have been reclaimed, of which 76,294 are allotted to agriculture.]

-- Most efficient lemon-grass faggots, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Lemon-grass can produce citronella, and the waste can be used in place of firewood.]

-- The Thettaw Dam to help reforestation of Central Myanmar, by Khin Maung Than (Sethmu). [New dam in Meiktila District, Mandalay Division.]

-- Tiger Parahita School for Development of National Races,

by Thein Mya Lwin. [Visit to school in Kamaryut Township, Yangon. It has 181 children, aged 6-18, from 16 national races.]

-- Natmauk Dam for greening of arid district, by Maung Maung Yu Maung (Myothit). [Dam in Natmauk Township.]

-- Cultivating paddy under ratoon method, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Growing rice on old stalks; widely used in Brazil, Ecuador, Taiwan, and China.]

July 31: -- 1994: a year of significance for the development committees, by Pe Than. [284 Township Development Committees are "in the process of drawing up town plans." Problems of water, sanitation, etc.]

-- Alternative fuel for jaggery makers, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Charcoal sticks from charcoal dust, and other alternatives to firewood.]

-- Towards All Round Development, by Ma Lay (Agriculture). [Economic targets for the 1994-95 "All Round Development Year." 900 million baskets of paddy; 35,000 tons of jute; 700,000 acres of cotton; 600,000 silk cocoons from 3,000 acres of mulberry plantations, etc.]

-- Let us build an industry based agricultural country, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Increased use of pumps, tillers, tractors, etc.]

-- The Minya Dam and Minya Village, by Tin Aung. [1,775 foot dam, that will irrigate 1,000 acres, built with voluntary labour from 30,000 villagers and 27,000 Tatmadawmen.]

-- Cultivating paddy with might and main, by Mawkyun Myint Aung. [Visit to Kanyinke village in Mawkyun Township (Ayeyarwady).]

-- Systematic cultivation of summer paddy, by Wakema Kyaw Sein. [Visit to Thayetchaung village, Wakema Township (Ayeyarwady).]

-- For producing 900 million baskets of paddy, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Ratooning, multiple cropping, extending acreage, etc.]

#### Crime

July 4: Passenger U Than Htaik, arriving from Bangkok June 8, was arrested after falsely declaring US\$ 20,000, when he had only US\$ 400. (NLM 7/5)

July 14: 21 warehouse personnel of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, who sold 6,081 bags of rice for export, worth K 3.4 million, to outside merchants, have been exposed. Action will be taken against 19 personnel, 2 who absconded, and 13 others. (NLM 7/15)

July 14: A man was arrested July 4 while stealing 19 saplings planted by the Yangon City Development Committee along Kandawgyi Circular Road. (NLM 7/15)

July 15: Addressing a meeting of the Bureau of Special Investigations, Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin said that during the first half of 1994, "the BSI investigated criminal cases and settled over 80 per cent of the cases...." He called for 100 per cent during the remainder of the year. (NLM 7/16)

#### Anti-Narcotics Activities

July 1: 0.18 kilo of heroin and 44.7 kilos of opium were seized June 23 in Mohnyin. (NLM 7/2)

July 5: 1.4 litres of Phensedyl were seized June 25 in Myeik. (NLM 7/6)

July 8: 9.6 kilos of heroin were seized July 4 in Lashio. 21.6 kilos of heroin were seized July 4 in Hsipaw. (NLM 7/9)

July 11: 1.26 kilos of heroin were seized June 30 in Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon, by police trying "to uncover swindlers who cheated people saying that they would seek jobs from abroad." (NLM 7/12)

July 14: Six men arrested Aug. 28, 1993, in Pinlaung Township for possession of raw opium were on July 4 each sentenced to 25 years imprisonment by the Taunggyi District court. (NLM 7/15)

July 19: 13.8 kilos of opium were seized July 12 from a jeep travelling from Loikaw to Taunggyi. 11 litres of Teradyl were seized

July 12 in Myeik. (NLM 7/20)

July 21: During June 1994, the Tatmadaw seized 2.0 kilos of heroin, 18.1 kilos of opium, 6.8 litres of Phensedyl, 5.1 kilos of marijuana, and 238 gallons of acetic anhydride. The Police seized 8.5 kilos of heroin (190 cases), .004 kilo of morphine base (1 case), 92.5 kilos of opium (42 cases), .2 kilo of opium oil (1 case), 185.0 litres of Phensedyl (20 cases), 105.5 litres of Acidyl (1 case), 10.7 litres of Phencodine (3 cases), 17.8 kilos of marijuana (47 cases), .5 litre of comethazine (2 cases), 155.4 kilos of opium powder (1 case), 220 gallons of acetic anhydride (1 case). There were 154 cases of failure to register and 4 other drug-related cases. The Police and Tatmadaw together seized 1.0 kilos of heroin (4 cases), 50.2 kilos of opium (3 cases), 10.4 litres of Phensedyl (3 cases), and 0.1 kilo of marijuana (1 case). The police made 467 arrests and took action against 557 men and 77 women. (NLM 7/22)

June 21: 6.5 kilos of raw opium were seized at Ywahtaung on June 6. 44.7 kilos of raw opium were seized June 23 in Mohnyin. 9.8 kilos of raw opium were seized June 23 on a Mandalay-Myitkyina train. 2 kilos of heroin were seized June 10 in Muse. 8.1 kilos of raw opium were seized June 16 in Mandalay. (NLM 7/22)

July 22: 0.1 kilo of heroin was seized July 15 in Mongsai Township. (NLM 7/23)

#### Narcotics Publicly Destroyed

July 18: In the eighth such exhibition, large quantities of seized narcotics were publicly destroyed under the aegis of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control. Present were SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and other high officials, as well as foreign diplomats and representatives of UN agencies.

Speakers then reviewed anti-narcotics activities in Myanmar. The twelve years of Operation Moe Hein between Apr. 26, 1976 and Apr. 10, 1988 had the following results:

Enemy casualties: 205 killed (including 7 captured dead); 18 captured alive.

Weapons seized: 249 arms; 70,607 rounds of ammunition; 2,364 mines; 19 communications sets.

Narcotics seized: 15 opium refineries; 159.6 kilos of heroin; 344.6 kilos of morphine base; 5,453.9 kilos of raw opium; 20.3 gallons of liquid opium; refining chemicals and utensils.

Myanmar casualties: 109 killed; 572 wounded.

In operations in Mongkyawt area in Mongton region (Shan State East) from May 11 - June 24, 1994, against Khun Sa's drug traffickers, there were the following results:

Enemy casualties: 250 killed.

Weapons seized: 163 arms; 11,350 rounds of ammunition; 560 mines; 340 bombs.

Narcotics seized: 3 kilos of heroin; 2 viss of marijuana.

Myanmar casualties: 196 killed; 357 wounded.

Narcotics publicly destroyed in the seven previous exhibitions: 6,929 kilos of opium; 1,148.6 kilos of heroin; 62.9 kilos of opium oil; 114.2 gallons of liquid opium; 63.4 kilos of morphine base; 19,071.4 litres of Phensedyl, and 150.9 litres of cough mixture.

Officials then publicly destroyed: 1,291.2 kilos of opium; 162 kilos of heroin; 5.3 kilos of opium oil; 1.9 gallons of liquid opium; 263.8 kilos of marijuana; 747.3 litres of Phensedyl; 35.8 litres of Teradyl; and 0.4 litre of Phencodine. (NLM 7/19)

#### Obituaries

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

July 2: Dr. Maung Maung, President (Retired) of the Union of Myanmar, died peacefully in Yangon, aged 70. (NLM 7/3)

July 4: Rev. J.N. David, Priest In-charge, St. Gabriel's Church (C.I.B.) Congregational, husband of Sarah David, father of Christopher-(Dorothy) (USA) ... died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (NLM 7/6)

July 11: Mary Clara Brown, wife of Aloysius Brown (Petty Officer, Retd., Myanmar Navy) died in Yangon, aged 60. [Christian] (NLM 7/12)

July 13: Rev. FR John Su, Ordained 21st of December 1951, retired Parish Priest of St. Theresa's Catholic Parish, died in Yangon, aged 71. [Catholic] (NLM 7/15)

July 13: U Maung Maung Tin, husband of Betty Tin (Than Than), brother of...Daw Khin Khin Aye (USA) ... died in the USA, aged 66. [Christian] (NLM 7/15)

July 23: Sao Thunanda (Maha Devi of Thibaw), sister of Sao Ohn Nyunt (Sao Khun Mong)..., died in Yangon, aged 94. (NLM 7/25)

July 24: Saw Bwe Hmu (a) Zaw Win, Young Crusaders-Iron Cross, husband of Naw Paw Wah, died in Yangon, aged 40. [Christian] (NLM 7/26)

July 26: U Kin Maung Maung, husband of Daw Tin Win Win, died in Yangon, aged 69. (NLM 7/27)

#### Roadside Food Vendors

June 30: "In preparation for the Visit Myanmar Year 1996, the YCDC is to take measures to remove roadside vendors selling food and others for public health and the capital's beauty.... At the same time, roadside vendors are advised to sell cosmetics and personal goods instead of food to earn a living." (NLM 7/1)

#### Earthquakes

June 30: An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.9 Richter) was recorded at 00:57 local time, with epicentre 1045 miles SW of Yangon. (NLM 7/1)

July 14: An earthquake of strong intensity (Richter 6.2) was recorded at 18:23:28 local time, with epicentre 1769 miles SE of Yangon. (NLM 7/15)

July 22: An earthquake of severe intensity (7.6 Richter) was reported at 01:04:24 local time, with epicentre 2309 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 7/23)

#### Train Collision

July 2: the Yangon-Mandalay No. 5 Up train collided head-on with the Mandalay-Yangon No. 12 Down express which was shunted onto the wrong tracks at Kyaukse. Eleven passengers were slightly injured as 8 passenger cars jumped the tracks. (NLM 7/3)

#### Singapore Sailors Rescued

July 16: The Myanmar navy rescued sailors from the Singapore vessel Sheraton-2 when it started to sink near Mali island on July 15. (NLM 7/17) // July 18: The sailors arrived in Yangon. (NLM 7/19)

#### Flood Warnings

Towards the end of July, there were repeated "Flood Bulletins" reporting that rivers in southern Myanmar were over, or expected to go over, flood stage. However, there were no reports of flood damage.

#### Fires and Traffic Accidents

July 29: During June there were 46 fires, which killed one person and injured three, and destroyed 82 houses and 7 mills, leaving 322 people homeless. Damage was K 8.01 million. 78.3% were caused by negligence. (NLM 7/30)

July 29: During the first six months of 1994, there were 418 traffic accidents [in Yangon], in which 78 were killed and 764 injured. Action was taken by police against 60,765 motorists, 13,984 trishawmen, and 32,141 jay walkers. (NLM 7/30)

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