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HIGHLIGHTS

-- Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise dissolved [ECON]
-- Refugees continued to return to Rakhine State at a higher
than previous rate [POLITICAL]

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:

Aug. 1: Subhasita ca ya vaca, to have words well spoken; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Aug. 2-14: Matapitu uppathanam, to serve one's parents; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Aug. 15-31: Puttadarassa sangaho, to support thy wife and children; 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:

Aug. 4: Cherish National Honour & Protect National Heritage, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Dredging of Mandalay Palace Moat.]

Aug. 16: Adding grace to beauty, by Chan Mya Aung. [History and virtues of the Tatmadaw. At the end of the 89th Officer Cadet Training Course, recently concluded, 205 commissions were issued: 169 army, 34 navy, and 2 air force.]

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.]

Aug. 1: 127 persons from 32 households returned July 29 to the Ngakhuya and Magyichaung reception camps, bringing the total to 58,886. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 3: 432 persons from 86 households returned to the five reception camps Aug. 1, bringing the total to 59,318. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 8: 312 persons from 58 households returned to the five reception camps Aug. 3, bringing the total to 59,750. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: 172 persons from 39 households returned to four reception camps Aug. 4, bringing the total to 59,922. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 12: 205 persons from 49 households returned to Taungpyo, Ngakhuya, Kanyinchaung, and Magyichaung reception camps Aug. 10, bringing the total to 60,766. (NLM 8/13)

Aug. 24: 902 persons from 173 households returned to Kanyinchaung and Magyichaung camps from Aug. 16-19, bringing the total to 62,285. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 25: 279 persons from 56 households returned to the five reception camps on Aug. 22, bringing the total to 62,564. (NLM 8/26)

Aug. 26: 436 persons from 82 households returned to Ngakhuya, Kanyinchaung, and Magyichaung camps on Aug. 23, bringing the total to 63,000. (NLM 8/27)

Aug. 30: 545 persons from 104 households returned to Taungpyo and Kanyinchaung camps on Aug. 24, bringing the total to 63,645. (NLM 8/31)

USDA

Aug. 1: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe addressed the opening ceremony of the one-month Management Course 3/94 for Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA) Executive Committee members at the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby. He said, inter alia, that "The Union spirit differs from the self-centred narrow racist spirit.... Hence...all are to refrain at all time from thinking, speaking and acting to harm national unity.... He cautioned that the nation will fall into the trap of the neo-colonialists if there is no unity among the national races.... The neo-colonialists and their lackeys do not like to see stable, peaceful, modern and developed nation of Myanmar and as such they are found to be harming and threatening national sovereign and territorial integrity. Moreover...they will find instigating henchmen

of the foreign elements and minions in the country. Members of the USDA which is the sole national force are to always join hands with the Tatmadaw to safeguard the nation, strive for the perpetuation of the Union and ensure the building of a modern, developed and peaceful nation...." (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 29: Addressing the closing of the same USDA course, SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, said that "the structure and essence of the National Convention is that of the national reconsolidation. As the Constitution is drafted in accordance with that structure and essence, the Constitution that will emerge will be an enduring one, he said. The Senior General pointed out that the five aims of the USDA are political, economic and social objectives of the nation today. Therefore they are highly important...." (NLM 8/30)

Special Refresher Courses

Aug. 2: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed the opening session of Special Refresher Course No. 10 for Teachers. Among other things, he said: "Twelve former armed groups, understanding the true cetana of the Government, had returned to the legal fold to date, he said adding that any group that has a true desire towards national reconciliation should come back to the legal fold to join hands with the Government for the nation's progress.... He said that now is the time when destructive elements inside and outside the country are instigating that the nation will only develop with handouts from others thereby relegating the nation to the lowest position. They are discrediting Myanmar in the eyes of the world as if it is a land of savages and a nation where streets are unsafe to move about. Foreign visitors used to express their amazement when they saw changes taking place for the better in Myanmar as it was different from what they had heard. They related their being misinformed about the residents of Dagon Myothit after visiting the town themselves...." The four-week course is being attended by 1,502 teachers. (NLM 8/3) // Aug. 27: The course closed, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 8/28)

Aug. 6: Special Refresher Course No. 3 for Officers of the General Administration Department concluded, and was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 11: Refresher Course No. 2 for Doctors of the Ministry of Health opened at the Malaria Control Unit in Gyogon, Yangon, and was addressed by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, who said it was being conducted with guidance given by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. The course will last until Oct. 5, and is being attended by 30 doctors. (NLM 8/12)

Special Regions

Aug. 11: A coordination meeting for development projects in the "region of the Kayan Pyithit Party" was held at the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, chaired by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who noted that 12 armed groups had returned to the legal fold. of which the last was the Kayan Pyithit Party in Kayah State. Three Kayah armed groups had so returned, and arrangements were being made for rapid regional development. He reported on discussions with Kayan Pyithit Party leaders. He noted that it would now be possible to repair and maintain the hitherto unused Taungoo-Loikaw Pyidaungsu Road, and that life would return to the area. (NLM 8/12)

Gen. Maung Aye On Tour

Aug. 5: Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye addressed the 89th batch graduating parade of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School at Bahtoo Tatmyo, in the presence of numerous high officials. On Aug. 4 he inspected development projects in Taunggyi, Shan State. (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 7: On Aug. 5, he flew to Myitkyina, Kachin State, and

visited construction projects. Then he flew to Kalay, Sagaing Division. [photos] (NLM 8/8) // Aug. 8: [more photos] (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: On Aug. 7-8 he visited regional development in Chin State, Sagaing Division, and Magway Division, before returning to Yangon. He spoke of the Pakokku-Kalay Railroad being built to spur development in Chin State. [photos] (NLM 8/10)

Action Against Destructionist

Aug. 22: Dr. Khin Zaw Win, a dental surgeon, was seized departing for Singapore, with anti-government documents and discs with anti-government materials on them. (NLM 8/23 -- issue not received; info from article in 8/25 NLM referring to article entitled "Action taken against destructive elements.")

Aug. 23: In addition to the documents, Dr. Khin Zaw Win was found with 62 polished rubies and sapphires and 321 undeclared Singapore dollars. He brought the dollars into the country from Singapore to sell on the black market, but did not do so. The gems were bought by his wife and were to be sold to relatives in Singapore. Action will be taken. (NLM 8/24)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Reconvening of Convention

[Throughout the month, there were numerous brief articles on administrative preparation for the resumed National Convention session.]

Aug. 11: Because of weather conditions, delegates to the reconvened National Convention session beginning Sept. 2 should arrive in Yangon earlier than the originally scheduled Aug. 29. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 27: Speaking at the conclusion of Special Refresher Course No. 10 for Teachers, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt "spoke of the endeavours for laying down fundamental principles for writing an enduring Constitution, essential for a new democratic State, saying that fundamental principles to be incorporated into three chapters 'The State', 'State Structure' and 'Head of State' have been laid down, and when the National Convention resumes on 2 September, discussions will be held for laying down basic principles for designating self-administered regions, and three branches of power namely legislature, executive and judiciary...." (NLM 8/28)

Aug. 29: Delegates began to arrive. (NLM 8/30)

Aug. 30: More delegates arrived. (NLM 8/31)

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.

Aug. 3: UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung to discuss aid projects. In the evening, a dinner for him was hosted by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt; he "will soon leave Myanmar at the conclusion of his tour of duty." (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 5: Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 8: The Chinese Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin, on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, and on Deputy Prime

Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and presented him with Vol. III of Perry Pichet's book on Bagan Period architecture compiled under the UNESCO and UNDP Project for Preservation of Bagan Period Cultural Heritage. Vols. I and II had been given the Minister on Sept. 29, 1993 and Mar. 7, 1994 respectively. Six more volumes are to appear. Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futrakul called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 11: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 12: The Chinese Ambassador called on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (NLM 8/13)

Aug. 15: UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, and on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 17: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 18: Singapore Ambassador Calvin Eu Mun Hoo called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and expressed satisfaction with his three year tour in Myanmar. He called for improvement of the Muse-Lashio and Tarlaw-Kengtung-Tachilek roads. (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 19: The Chinese Ambassador called on Chairman Lt-Gen. Phone Myint of the SLORC Security and Management Committee. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 23: Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. French Ambassador Alain Briottet, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim, accompanied by Counsellor Youn-Kwon Kim, called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 24: French Ambassador Alain Briottet was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 25: UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 8/26)

Aug. 26: Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 8/27)

Aug. 30: The Chinese Ambassador was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin, on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and was received by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. He also called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint, who promised that Myanmar would soon present 500 tons of rice and 50 tons of salt to Laos. UNDP Resident Representative Jehan Raheem called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 8/31)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Aug. 3: Mr. Calvin Eu Mun Hoo presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 17: Mr. Ly Bounkham presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Laos Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 30: The Government has approved the appointment of Mr. Bernard Pottier as new French Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Pottier was born July 11, 1942. Since 1971 he has served in the French Foreign Ministry and abroad. He is currently French Consul-

General in Frankfurt, Germany. He is a Knight of the National Order of Merit and Knight of the Palmes Academiques. (NLM 8/30)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Aug. 18: U Nyi Nyi Thein on Aug. 4 presented credentials in Jakarta to President Soeharto as new Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia. (NLM 8/18)

Diplomatic Relations with Cambodia

Aug. 16 [full text]: The Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in conformity with the interest and desire of the two peoples, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the ambassadorial level as from 16 August, 1994.

The two Governments have agreed to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and the Principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. (NLM 8/16)

Chinese Consulate in Mandalay

Aug. 25: China opened a Consulate-General in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, on Aug. 22. Chinese Ambassador Liang Feng noted that Myanmar had opened a Consulate-General in Kunming on Sept. 1, 1993. Consul-General Mr. Shen Xiangkun also spoke. (NLM 8/26)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Projects

Aug. 2: A national level Seminar on Worksite Safety and Health, jointly sponsored by the Factories and General Labour Laws and Inspection Department, ILO, and UNDP, opened. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 2: A three-day Workshop on Health for Hotels, Motels, and Inns opened, sponsored by the Ministry of Health and WHO. (NLM 8/3)

Aug. 3: The Occupational Hygiene Laboratory and Information Centre opened at 8« Mile, Pyay Road, sponsored by UNDP, ILO, and the Factories and General Labour Laws and Inspection Department. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 9: A 12-day seminar on national level health management information system project, sponsored by the Ministry of Health and WHO, opened. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 23: A 3-day Tourism Marketing Seminar, jointly sponsored by the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and the Myanma Computer Company (MCC), opened with 30 participants, in the presence of Director Adrian Villaneuva of the Geneva Market Development Institute. (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 24: A Seminar on Economic Cooperation was held with Singapore businessmen at the International Business Centre. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 29: A 2-day workshop on prevention of occupational hazards, jointly sponsored by the Health Department and the WHO, opened, with speeches by Deputy Director (Treatment) Dr. Hla Pe and WHO Health Officer Dr. tom Pruvolovic. (NLM 8/30)

Aug. 29: Computer Diploma Courses co-sponsored by KMD Co. Ltd. and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Britain, opened, and issued certificates to 157 trainees who passed the computer examinations. (NLM 8/30)

Donations from Abroad

Aug. 1: Managing Director Moon Geul Ham and Planning Manager Young Shin Kim of Hae Nam Co. Ltd. of Korea donated US\$ 500 for the Myanma Traditional Performing Arts Competitions. (NLM 8/1)

Aug. 2: Dr. Daw Myat Cho, "who is in the United States of America," presented operating theatre equipment to the Children's Hospital. (NLM 8/3)

Aug. 3: Honorary Professor of Myanmar Dr. Aye Aye Cho,

Specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitative Medicine, resident in Los Angeles, the United States, donated medical equipment (listed) to Yangon and Mandalay General Hospitals. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 3: Director Mr. Yii Ching Siew of Hager Elektronik Sdn Bhd, and Managing Director of YTY Industry Sdn Bhd of Malaysia presented surgical gloves worth K 100,000 to the Defence Services General Hospital. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 6: Pepsi Cola Product Myanmar Ltd. donated US\$ 4,488 to the Myanmar volleyball team that will compete in Manila on Aug. 12-17. (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 7: Mr. Sakurayama of Tokyo Ohki Co. Ltd. donated 431 used bicycles to the Social Welfare Department. Batavia Eximp Construction (S) Pte. Ltd., Singapore, donated ultrasound equipment worth US\$ 10,000, and Rangoonwala Foundation, Karachi, donated theatre equipment worth US\$ 3,000, to the Muslim Free Hospital. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 9: Coral G. Williamson and party of Maymyo Expatriates Association presented medical equipment to the Pyin-Oo-Lwin Hospital. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 9: Regional Director Dr. John Sipkin of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency donated a ward for treating burn cases to Children's Hospital. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 11: Dr. Kyaw Myint and Dr. Nyein, "resident in New York," donated two ECGs with 200 rolls of paper to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 13: The Japanese Government donated medicines worth US\$ 34,500 to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central). (NLM 8/14)

Aug. 15: Managing Director Mr. Loh Muifah and Mr. Edwin Ho of Myanma Seal Ltd. of Malaysia presented a BMW car to the Yangon City Development Committee. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 18: Resident Manager Mr. Ian Glover of Glover Electric Industries Pte. Ltd. donated US\$ 6,200 for the Myanmar Cycling Team going to the Aug. 27-31 Invitational Cycling Race in Supanburi, Thailand. (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 23: President Dr. Adisai Bodharamik of Jasmine International Public Co. Ltd. of Thailand donated microphones worth US\$ 14,466 to the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 24: Chairman Masumaru Tsuchino of Koeki Shoji Co. Ltd. of Japan presented US\$ 30,000 of hospital equipment for the Defence Services hospitals. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 26: Mr. John Murphy of Singapore and his wife Daw Yin May Myat donated K 400,000 for scholarships to students at the Institute of Medicine 1. (NLM 8/27)

Border Cooperation

Aug. 4: Officials from Myanmar and India met July 30-31 to discuss eradication of narcotics on the Myanmar-India border. 13 Myanmar participants were led by Chin State Police Commander Police Col. Maw Lwin Tun, and 14 Indian participants were led by Manipur State Chief Police Officer Shri M.D. Sharma. The officials signed an "agreement on holding basic-level discussions between officials of Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram of Indian side and Chin State and Sagaing Division of Myanmar side, curbing smuggling of various brands of cough mixtures which can be used as narcotic drugs into Myanmar and collecting and regular exchanging of information. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 29: A coordination meeting on sale of fish and prawns to Thailand through border trade was held in Myawady on Aug. 25, with Mon State and Kawkaik District officials and merchants in Myawady and Maesok. (NLM 8/30)

British/UNICEF Book Fair

Aug. 9: A book fair featuring medical publications, jointly sponsored by the British Embassy and UNICEF, will be held Aug. 11-12 at the Myanmar Medical Association. (NLM 8/10) // Aug. 11: The book show opened. (NLM 8/12)

Asian Clearing Union

Aug. 23: The seven-nation Asian Clearing Union will hold its 22nd annual directors meeting in Yangon on Aug. 25-26, presided over by the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar. The ACU's headquarters are in Teheran, and its member currencies are from Bangladesh (taka), India (rupee), Iran (rial), Nepal (rupee), Pakistan (rupee), Sri Lanka (rupee), and Myanmar (kyat). The ACU uses the Asian Monetary Unit (AMU) which is equal to 1 IMF Special Drawing Right, or K 8.50847. The AMU was established "to promote the use of currencies of member nations in international transactions, to facilitate the expansion of trade and promote monetary cooperation among them, to provide a clearing mechanism and additional liquidity for multilateral settlement, and to achieve some economies in the use of their foreign exchange reserves." Settlement period is two months, at the end of which all accounts are settled in US dollars; this defers payment of hard currency for two months. Interest is payable on balances between settlement dates. (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 25: The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Clearing Union began, and was addressed by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin [full text in NLM]. Present were representatives of the seven member countries, the ACU Secretariat, and representatives from ESCAP and UNCTAD. The Minister welcomed the group, stressing that trade was better than aid. He reviewed recent Myanmar economic developments, after the change to a market-oriented system. He said that in 1993-94 the private sector was responsible for 54% of exports and 60% of imports. In the evening he hosted a dinner for the meeting. (NLM 8/26)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

Aug. 17: Economist Dr. Myo Thant of the Asian Development Bank of Manila called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, and presented a "detailed report on seminar on studying AIDS from economic point of view." (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 21: Retired Governor of the Union of Myanmar Bank and World Bank Economist U Maung Maung Hla will lecture Aug. 24 on Economics and Financial Environment for Development, at the Ministry of Trade. (NLM 8/22)

Aug. 30: Regional Bureau Director Werner Blatter of the UNHCR was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 8/31)

Cultural and Medical Visitors

Aug. 1: Ms. Jung-Ae Han, a second years student at the Nursing Institute of Korea, explained the Korean Red Cross to the newly founded Red Cross Society of the Institute of Learning. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 3: Prof. Dr. Ralph R. Freichs of the University of California at Los Angeles will lecture on "Home Testing, an Alternative Strategy for HIV Control" on Aug. 5. (NLM 8/4) // Aug. 7: Dr. Frerichs [sic] gave the lecture. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 10: Professors Kazushige Kaneko and Kanemobu Watanabe of the Asian Cultural Affairs University of Japan, and Mrs. Noriko Aikawa of UNESCO, called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw and discussed holding an International Conference and Exhibition on Lacquerware in Bagan in 1995, jointly sponsored by Myanmar and UNESCO. (NLM 8/10) // Aug. 12: They called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 8/13)

Aug. 12: Chairman Dr. Andrew D. Toft of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt; the Minister hosted a dinner. (NLM 8/13)

Business Visitors

Aug. 1: A 17-member Malaysian trade delegation headed by Honorary Secretary Dato Soong Siew Hoong of the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, called on Minister for

Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 8/2) // Aug. 2: A memorandum of understanding for bilateral cooperation was signed with the Myanmar Industries Federation. (NLM 8/3) // Aug. 3: The delegation called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. It also met with members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 2: President Choi Gye Wol of Kodeco Co. Ltd. of Korea called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe.

Aug. 4: A Japanese business delegation led by Mr. Taicanashi of Engineering Consultants Association of Japan, and including Mr. Shimazu, Mr. Inoue, and Mr. Maeno, accompanied by Japanese First Secretary Matsuhito Takada, called on members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 4: President Chris Harney of Irving International Company of the United States called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 7: Chairman Vijay Mallya of UB Group, India, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 15: A Vietnamese gem delegation headed by Senior Officer at the Prime Minister's Office Mr. Hoang The Ngu called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min. (NLM 8/16) // Aug. 17: It visited the Myanma Gems Enterprise. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 18: A delegation of Australian wheat entrepreneurs led by Mr. Peter Church of the Asean Focus Group called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung to discuss cooperation in flour mills. (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 19: An eight-member delegation from Ivanhoe Myanmar Holdings Ltd., headed by Chairman Mr. R. Friedland, called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min to discuss progress in Myanmar copper production. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 20: Chairman Mr. Gunn Young Lee of Multigate Corporation of Korea, and party, arrived for discussions on overseas employment. (NLM 8/21)

Aug. 23: Chinese merchants and industrialists of Singapore, accompanying the Singapore Minister of Trade and Industry, led by Mr. Kwek Leng Joo, called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 8/24) // Aug. 24: Meeting with Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, the delegation was told that plans are under way for tourist entry at Yangon, Bagan, and Mandalay. (NLM 8/25) // Aug. 25: Members of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by Vice Chairman Teo Chiang Long called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, on Chairman U Ko Ko Gyi of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, and in the afternoon met with Myanmar entrepreneurs. (NLM 8/26)

Aug. 23: Managing Director Ang Kong Hua of Nat Steel Trade Int'l Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, and delegation, called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min to discuss "steel production based on mutual interest." (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 25: Vice-Chairman John P. Tatum of Triton Energy Corporation of Dallas, Texas, called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss investing in natural gas and oil. (NLM 8/26) // Aug. 26: He called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 8/27)

Foreign Journalists

Aug. 24: Senior Producer Ms. Nicolette Rappa and party of Singapore Broadcasting Corporation called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, to discuss the upcoming Visit Myanmar Year. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 28: Chief Regional Correspondent Mr. Lee Kim Chew of The Straits Times and The Sunday Times of Singapore was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 8/29)

Korean Red Cross Youth

July 31: The Republic of Korea and Myanmar youths visited Bago.

(NLM 8/1)

Aug. 1: They observed nature conservation at Hlawga Park. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 3: They visited the Hmawby Seed and Seedling Centre of the Forest Department. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 4: They exchanged experiences in rescue services, and observed forestry development. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 5: They planted trees on the Dagon University Campus, and visited the National Museum. (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 6: The Koreans met their counterparts from Kungyangon Township. (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 7: They visited pagodas in Thanlyin and Kyauktan. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 8: Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe hosted a dinner for the youths. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: The Korean youths called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin, after completing their community welfare service activities in cooperation with Myanmar counterparts. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 10: The Korean Red Cross youths departed for home. (NLM 8/11)

Thai Retired General

Aug. 4: Retired General Arthit Kamlang-ek, Chairman of the Thai House of Representatives Armed Forces Standing Committee, and delegation, was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. He also called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 8/5)

Vietnam Agriculture Minister

Aug. 4: A delegation led by Vietnam Minister of Food and Agriculture arrived and called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, who hosted a dinner. Other members of the seven-member delegation include Deputy Minister for Water Resources Mr. Tran Naung. (NLM 8/5) // Aug. 7: The Minister on Aug. 6 visited South Nawin Dam, Bagan-Nyaung-U, and Mandalay. (NLM 8/8) // Aug. 8: He observed agriculture in Mandalay Division. (NLM 8/9) // Aug. 9: He was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, before departing for home. A Memorandum of Understanding "for cooperation in agriculture" was signed was signed. "Strains of mulberry from Vietnam will be provided...." (NLM 8/9)

Chinese Trade Delegation

Aug. 10: An 8-member Chinese trade delegation led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Madame Li Guohua arrived, and was hosted at dinner by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 11: The delegation called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and visited the National Theatre. A dinner was hosted by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 12: The delegation called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, and visited Daewoo Electronic Myanmar Co. (NLM 8/13)

Aug. 13: The delegation toured Yangon, including the Shwedagon Pagoda, Myanma Department Store, National Indoor Stadium 1, and Thanlyin Bridge. The Deputy Minister signed a memorandum of understanding on bilateral border trade with Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaug, who hosted a lunch. A dinner was hosted by Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai. (NLM 8/14)

Aug. 14: The delegation visited Mandalay and Sagaing. (NLM 8/15)

Aug. 15: The delegation departed. (NLM 8/16)

US/British War Veterans

Aug. 11: Mr. Roger Hilsman, member of the U.S. Presidential

National Security and Education Board and wife, and British war veteran Dr. William Brough called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint to discuss "the building of an agricultural, forestry and vocational training school in Lashio with funds collected under the sponsorship of the war veterans of SS 101 of the United States for the children and grandchildren of the national races of the hill regions, as a token of gratitude to the people who assisted the Allied Forces in launching military offensive during the Second World War...." (NLM 8/12)

Indonesian Cultural Delegation

Aug. 14: A 62-member Indonesian cultural delegation arrived by air. It will present an evening entertainment programme to invited guests at the National Theatre. (NLM 8/15) // Aug. 15: The delegation, headed by Ms. Ida Riyanti, called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 8/16)

Thai Defence College Head

Aug. 15: Commandant Lt-Gen. Poonsak Kamhaengritrong of the Thai Defence College, and party, called on Director of Military Training Brig-Gen. Saw Lwin. (NLM 8/16)

Singapore Legal Mission

Aug. 15: A 24-member Singapore Legal Study Mission headed by Mr. Peter Low of the Law Society of Singapore arrived, and will hold talks on legal affairs until Aug. 19. (NLM 8/16) // Aug. 17: It called on Deputy Attorney-General U Khin Maung Aye to discuss "advocates' affairs and their role in business enterprises," and met with the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 8/18) // Aug. 18: The delegation called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 8/19) // Aug. 19: The delegation departed. (NLM 8/20)

US State Department Official

Aug. 18: Director Ms. Joan Plaisted of the Myanmar-Thai Desk of the State Department of the United States, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires ai Angus T. Simmons, called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 8/19)

Singapore Trade Minister

Aug. 23: A delegation led by Singapore Minister of Trade and Industry Yeo Cheow Tong [which presumably arrived Aug. 22] was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. It also called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 8/24) [See also under Business Visitors]

Aug. 24: The delegation called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 26: The Minister and party visited Mandalay and Bagan-Nyaung-U on Aug. 25-26. It then returned to Singapore. (NLM 8/27)

US Congressman

Aug. 24: U.S. Congressman Bill Archer and party called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. He also called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 25: He called on Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye, who was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, and SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. He also called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 8/26)

Aug. 27: He called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and was received by SLORC

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. In the evening he departed. On Aug. 25-26, the Congressman had visited Mandalay and Myitkyina. (NLM 8/28)

Thai National Security Secretary

Aug. 29: A 27-member Thai delegation headed by Gen. Charan Kullavanijaya, Secretary of the National Security Council, arrived and was welcomed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. (NLM 8/30) // Aug. 30: The delegation called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and met with officials at the International Business Centre. (NLM 8/31)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Aug. 3: Demonstrator U Myo Thant of the Department of Engineering Geology, Yangon Institute of Technology, left for Germany to attend a Hydrology and Engineering Geology of Tropical and Subtropical Regions Course sponsored by DAAD and the German Government. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 4: Museum Assistant Daw Thida Tun of the Department of Cultural Institute left for Japan on Aug. 1 to study preservation and renovation of ancient artifacts until Apr. 1, 1995. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 6: Assistant Director Daw Khin Thant Zin of the Central Statistical Organization left for Japan to attend the Aug. 8-Sept. 2 Third Microcomputer Course for Training of Trainers, conducted by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP). (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 7: Managers U Myat Oo and U Tun Win Han of the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel left to study hotel services for five months in Malaysia (Shangrila Hotel) and the Philippines (Manila Hotel), sponsored by the Asia Pacific Tourist Development Corporation. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 8: A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Saw Tun left for Korea and China for three weeks to study for "joint production of motor vehicles and equipment in Myanmar," at the invitation of Doopung Industries Co. Ltd. of Korea and Citic Technology Inc. of China. He was accompanied by Director U Ye Tun of Technical Services, Deputy Director U Aung Min of No. 2 Industry, and Deputy Manager U Tin Aung Win of No. 1 Industry. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 13: Director-General Col. Tin Win of the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department left to study inspection, management, counselling and training of workers in Thailand, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Singapore from Aug. 14-26, jointly sponsored by UNDP and ILO. (NLM 8/14) // Aug. 27: He returned. (NLM 8/28)

Aug. 15: Librarian Daw Soe Soe Aung of Patheingyi Degree College left for Singapore to attend a two-week librarianship course under the Colombo Plan. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 26: General Manager U Moe Paw and Branch Manager Capt. Than Htay Aung of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading left to study production of agricultural equipment at Ohto Trading Co. Ltd. in Japan and Rice Engineering Supply Co. Ltd. in Thailand. (NLM 8/27)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Aug. 12: A delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel left for Jakarta to attend the Seminar on Debt and Development of Developing Countries, sponsored by the Non-Alignment Movement. The Seminar will begin Aug. 13. Other members are Director-General U Thein Aung Lwin and Deputy Director U Tin Win of the Foreign Economic Relations Department. (NLM 8/13) // Aug. 15: Speaking to the meeting on Aug. 13 [full text in NLM], Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel discussed the debt crisis of developing countries, and their need to earn foreign exchange to finance growth and debt service costs. In the 1980s, methods of Debt and Debt Service Reduction Programmes, including rescheduling, restructuring, debt cancellation, debt relief, debt-equity swap, debt conversion, etc., were achieved.

But many countries still have "a persistent over-hanging debt largely owed to multilateral institutions and bilateral creditors," a situation exacerbated by the depreciation of the US dollar. (NLM 8/16) // Aug. 19: The delegation returned. During the visit, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel called on President Soeharto and on various ministers. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 15: Joint Secretary of the Myanmar National Health Committee Director-General U Kyi Soe of the Planning and Statistics Department left to chair the 47th WHO South-East Asia Regional Conference, and then to attend the 26th Consultant Committee Meeting on Programme Development and Management in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. He was accompanied by Assistant Director Dr. Ohn Kyaw of the Foreign Relations Department of the Health Ministry. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 17: A 45-member delegation led by Deputy Education Minister Dr. Than Nyunt left for Bangkok to attend the Aug. 18-24 Techno Indochina Congress; 2000 delegates from Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand will attend the congress, which will include seminars, technical and industrial exhibitions, etc. (NLM 8/18) // Aug. 24: The delegation returned. (NLM 8/25)

Aug. 19: Deputy General Manager U Hla Zin and Assistant General Manager Daw Mya Hninzi of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications left for Korea to attend the 21st Conference of the International Postal Union in Seoul from Aug. 22-Sept. 14. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 24: A delegation led by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt left for Ulan Bator, Mongolia, to attend the 12th South-East Asia Region Ministerial Meeting on Health, from Aug. 29-Sept. 2, sponsored by WHO. (NLM 8/25)

Religious Delegations

Aug. 17: Donations totalling K 77,540 were given Aug. 14 to Ashin Aggacara (Dammacariya) of the Maha Panna Beikman Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Shwegyin, who will be attending the Benares University in India as a scholar. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 19: Bhaddanta Kovida of a Myanmar monastery in Calcutta, India, who was awarded the Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title, returned home to India. (NLM 8/20)

Deputy Foreign Minister to Iran

Aug. 7: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe left on a goodwill visit to Iran, at the invitation of Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Brougerdi. He was accompanied by Managing Director U Thaung Sein of Myanma Export and Import Services, Director of Political Affairs Department U Thein Tun, Director of Energy Planning Department U Thein Lwin, and Head of Branch U Ye Myint of the Foreign Ministry. (NLM 8/8)

Energy Minister to Vietnam & Korea

Aug. 8: A seven member delegation led by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein left to study energy services in Vietnam and Korea for ten days at the invitation of their respective Energy Ministers. He was accompanied by Managing Director U Pe Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Tactical Commander of North-East Command Col. Maung Maung Thein, Chief Engineer U Zaw Win and Assistant Chief Engineer U Win Kyaw of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Director U Tin Moe of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Director U Ohn Myint of the Irrigation Department, and the Minister's PSO U Nyunt Tin. (NLM 8/9) // Aug. 21: The delegation returned. In Bangkok on Aug. 8, the delegation held talks on finalizing the sale of Yadana gas from Myanmar to Thailand, with Thai Minister for Energy Maj-Gen. Sanan Kajornprasat and other officials. In Vietnam on Aug. 9, the delegation called on Vietnam Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and held talks with Minister for Energy Thai Paung Ni and Chairman Dr. Ho Si Thoang of Petrovietnam. On Aug. 15, in South Korea, the delegation called on Minister for Energy Chul Soo Kim, and held talks with Vice-Chairman Bon Moo Koo of Lucky Goldstar Group. (NLM 8/22)

Workers to Korea

Aug. 24: A fourth batch of workers left for the Republic of Korea, and were addressed by Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung. Also present were Chairman Gunn Young Lee of Multigate Corporation and Managing Director I.S. Kang of Multigate Corporation (Myanmar). The Minister noted that 747 workers had gone to Korea in the first to third batches. (NLM 8/25)

Delegations Return

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

Aug. 4: The eight Myanmar schoolchildren who attended the Sixth Get-together of Youths and Students from Asia and Pacific Region at Fukuoka, Japan, July 26-Aug. 2, returned. (NLM 8/5) // Aug. 11: They recounted their experiences at BEHS No. 1 in Kamayut Township, Yangon. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 7: The delegation led by Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung returned from the July 26-30 International Cooperative Alliance meeting on Colombo, Sri Lanka. (NLM 8/8)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Aug. 10: Daw Khin Swe Soe, Director, Cooperatives Department, to be Managing Director, Cooperatives Export and Import Services, Ministry of Cooperatives. (NLM 8/11)

Aug. 17: U Saw Yan Aung Si Du, Pro-Rector, to be Rector, Institute of Forestry, Ministry of Forestry. (NLM 8/18)

Confirmation of Appointments

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

Aug. 3: U Thaung Sein as Managing Director, Myanma Export and Import Services, Ministry of Trade.

U Kyi Soe as Director-General, Planning and Statistics Department, Ministry of Health.

Lt-Col. Thein Han as Director-General, Office of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Ministry of Progress for Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. (NLM 8/4)

GOVERNMENT

Legal Articles

Aug. 13: The value of confession of co-accused in drug-related offences, by KMO. [Recent legal cases on the subject.]

Aug. 29: For ensuring proper administration of justice, by KMO. [On Aug. 22, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed judges and law officers, calling on them to be honest, citing cases in which cases had been distorted so as to allow criminals to go free. "It was also pointed out by the Secretary-1 that judiciary is losing public trust and confidence as some persons in authority are found {to} be using powers vested by the State as their own." He called for speedy disposal of pending cases. "We {KMO} have heard regrettably many unscrupulous instances pertaining to the administration of justice.... I do hope that decisions and judgments not in conformity with the State policy and existing law will no longer occur. Now, such malpractices are being committed for selfish ends just because some persons on judicial body are found to be using the powers vested by the State as a weapon or a licence against the public as pointed out by the Secretary-1."]

Judicial Report

Aug. 23: Speaking to Supreme Court and State/Division and District Judges, Chief Justice U Aung Toe said the number of pending

cases had dropped compared with September 1988. "At individual courts, however, he said, the number of pending cases remained high. He also pointed out existence of 13,160 persons in custody. He spoke of the need to find out the number of pending cases at each court...." He called on all judges to be exemplary in conduct. (NLM 8/24)

MILITARY

Attacks by Armed Groups

Aug. 1: Four members of a Kayin armed group fired on Awingyi East Village, Bilin Township [Mon], seriously wounding three children, one of whom died. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 8: On July 24 a villager in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Division, was injured by a mine "laid by deputy platoon commander Hti Po (a) Yar Gyaw and group of No. 10 battalion of the Kayin armed group. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: Members of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) battled with 50

SURA armed group members who entered Hopong Township on June 15. After a 30-minute fight the SURA retreated with its wounded, burning down 19 houses in their retreat. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 23: Members of a Loimaw drug trafficker group killed four people in Maukmai Township, Shan State, on July 30, and wounded another three, when they fired indiscriminately on a house near Maukmai Market. (NLM 8/24)

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Aug. 8: Six members of the Loimaw drug-trafficking armed group surrendered, with weapons, on Aug. 6 [names and details]. (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 15: Two members of the Kayin armed group surrendered July 24, with their weapons [names and details]. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 19: Between July 1-7, 24 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 21: Three members of Loimaw drug trafficking battalion No. 8 returned to legal fold, with their arms, at Mongpon camp on Aug. 18 [names and details]. (NLM 8/22)

Aug. 23: A total of 65 members of armed groups returned to legal fold during July [names and details of 22, without dates]. (NLM 8/24)

Aug. 30: A member of the ABSDF armed group surrendered Aug. 16, at Pawa Camp [name and details]. (NLM 8/31)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Aug. 5: Visit Myanmar Year 1996, by Dr. Naw Angelene. [Planned tourist year.]

Aug. 5: Editorial: The private sector. ["These days there is talk of privatisation everywhere in the world. Even where it was hitherto not much in vogue. State-run enterprises may be deemed efficient according to a certain yardstick favoured by the State. The same goes with cooperatives. However, given proper leeway, the private sector in many countries has been known to forge ahead and deliver. In capitalist economies the private sector does almost everything, from running parking lots to managing toll roads. And they do a good job. For those in executive positions are authorized to hire and fire. And also to award bonuses to the deserving, to those who do a good job of what they are entrusted with. The same goes with the private sector here. However, there is a feeling that the private sector must diversify, branch out, so to say, if it is to make the expected headway.... There is much promise of what they can do if they will diversify, get away from import-export and other get-rich-quick undertakings. The private sector must get into ventures that serve the long-term interest too...."]

Aug. 6: Super Market Zegyodaw for Second Capital Mandalay, by

Hla Tun (Twantay). ["The Mandalay Zegyodaw is often being extolled as one of the biggest market places in south east Asia. It is the biggest market place in Upper Myanmar.... The new Super Market of Zegyodaw that has now been opened will give further honour and pride to the City."]

Aug. 8: 'Solidarity & Development' begins at Kangyi village; Minhla Lake reconstructed with peoples' delight, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Rebuilding of water storage lake in Sinkaing Township, Mandalay Division.]

Project Inaugurations

July 31: The new, ultra-modern Zegyodaw Market opened in Mandalay, replacing a 90-year old structure. The new market includes eight buildings; one six-storey building with 2,976 stalls and seven four-storey buildings with 200 stalls, with two elevators, six escalators, and four 48-ft. wide stairways, and ten other stairways. It cost K 856 million. (NLM 8/1)

July 31: A three-storey, K 34 million, lecture hall was inaugurated at Mandalay University, in the presence of Pro-Rector U Loo Nee. It has ten 200-capacity, two 150-capacity, and three 80-capacity halls and three rooms for faculty members. (NLM 8/1)

Aug. 3: Three 800-ton cargo barges, intended for the Machinery Import-Export Corporation of Yunnan Province, China, were launched at Myanmar Shipyards and handed over to Corporation Deputy General Manager Mr. Yang Guo Xiang. 28 vessels have been ordered by the Yunnan firm from Myanmar Shipyards, including 9 cargo barges. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 4: A 33-kv power line between Twantay and Kungyangon went into service; payments were disbursed for labour contributions. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 10: A K 2 million middle school building was delivered in Wakema [Ayeyarwady] on Aug. 6. (NLM 8/11)

Aug. 14: A A new K 1.1 million primary school was delivered in Mingala Taungnyunt [Yangon]. The Thone-yar-thi (Three Seasons) Restaurant, of the General Trading Cooperative Society, opened at the corner of Merchant Street and 50th Street, Yangon. It serves Myanmar, Chinese, and Indian cuisine from 7am to 10pm daily. (NLM 8/15)

Aug. 28: The Chaunggauk Diversion Weir, which will irrigate 5,000 acres, was inaugurated in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Division, by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 8/29)

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MAI has entered into a wet lease agreement with Malaysian
Airlines Systems (MAS) for a 2-year old B737-400 aircraft on the 2nd
August 1994. The new lease is for 2 years with option for another
year and it will commence on 10 August 1994. This new aircraft will
replace the present B757-200 aircraft leased from Royal Brunei
Airlines about a year ago

MAI is also negotiating with MAS for another 2-year old B737-
400 aircraft to be in operation from November this year to meet the
growing needs for more frequencies on our existing routes, especially
from Yangon to Bangkok.

MAI will further expand its operations to cover more new
destinations such as Kuala Lumpur, Kunming etc. as it hopes to boost
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Aug. 9: Four page Singapore advertising supplement, in colour,
in honor of Singapore's 29th National Day, led off by portrait of
"Singapore's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles," plus an internal page of
more ads. (NLM 8/9)

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Aug. 15: Two page advertising supplement, with full page ads
from Dunhill Cigarettes and Myanmar Airways International {MAI}, the
latter celebrating its first anniversary, in colour on heavy paper.

(NLM 8/15)

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Aug. 20: An extensive advertisement, headlined "APPLE MAC opens new frontier in Myanmar," announces that the first Apple Macintosh Computer Courses to be given by the Cooperative Stores Syndicate and the Education Employee Cooperative Ltd. of the Institute of Computer Science and Technology, will begin on Aug. 2 [sic], 1994. Details.
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Foreign Business Agreements

July 31: A Memorandum of Understanding was signed to form the Myanmar International Trust and Investment Corporation (MITIC), between the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd., represented by Managing Director Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and Peregrine Capital Myanmar MMAI Ltd., represented by Chairperson Ms. Mariam Marshall Segal. (NLM 8/1)

Aug. 25: An agreement was signed for joint establishment of Yangon Wood Industries Ltd. by Myanma Timber Enterprises (MTE) and Elysee Investissements SA of France. Yangon Wood Industries Ltd. represented by Managing Director Jean Mizrahi, will build a factory with 100% investment, while MTE will lease the land and provide raw materials. (NLM 8/26)

UNOCAL Defends Investment

Aug. 1: An article entitled Unocal defends Burma investment, by Boonsong Kositchotethana, from the June 13 Bangkok Post, is reprinted in full in NLM.

It quotes a report to shareholders by John Imle, President of UNOCAL's energy resources division, asserting that the companies participation in a gas project off the Burmese coast has made a positive contribution to the country, saying that what disturbed him most were "allegations that people may be suffering as a result of our project." He was countering a statement by the "National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma" charging that the planned gas pipeline would pass through the last dense rain forests sheltering rare species such as rhinoceros and hornbills. It stated that the military were cutting wide clearings along the pipeline right of way for security reasons, and that up to 150,000 civilians were forced to "volunteer" labour for the project.

UNOCAL and its French partner, Total, is developing Yadana gas, about 200 miles south of Rangoon; it involves a gas export pipeline, 260 miles long, to Thailand, of which 40 miles will be across land.

Mr. Imle said that three routes were under consideration, and that environmental impact would be a major factor in the final choice. The pipeline would require clearing a 100 foot wide path, and

after construction the cleared corridor would be reduced to 50 feet. The last 15 miles is the most environmentally sensitive. "We'll take care to cut as few trees as possible. But this project in no way requires any massive destruction of rain forest or teak trees," Imle said. As to labour, he said UNOCAL had first hand experience, having employed 2,000 nationals in a previous project. "We make sure wages are fair and working conditions are safe," and strictly supervise contractors. He concluded by saying that he did not agree with those who sought to "close the door on the people of Myanmar." (NLM 8/1)

Luggage Clearance Expedited

Aug. 3: A new luggage declaration form will be introduced at Yangon International Airport on Aug. 15, which "will accelerate the process of baggage claim." (NLM 8/4)

Investment Commission Rules

Aug. 3: Myanmar Investment Commission issued Notification No. 2/94 on "procedures in connection with the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law." (NLM 8/4)

Banks

Aug. 5: Siam City Bank Public Co. Ltd. opened a Representative Office at 102 Inya Road, Yangon, in the presence of Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin and other officials. Chairman Chalerm Cheo-Sakul spoke, noting that the bank was 53 years old and had 160 branches throughout Thailand, as well as in Phnom Penh and the Cayman Islands. He introduced the Yangon Branch Manager, Mr. Aroon Buranatanyarat. (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 15: The Central Bank of Myanmar on Aug. 12 licenced the Malayan Banking Berhad (Maybank) and the Public Bank Berhad of Malaysia to open representative offices in Myanmar. Previously, 11 foreign banks (6 Singapore, 4 Thailand, 1 Indonesia) had been licenced. (NLM 8/16)

Myanmar International Airways

Aug. 10: A new Boeing 737-400 leased by Myanmar International Airways arrived from Kuala Lumpur. (NLM 8/11) [See also MIA Press Release under Advertisements]

Aug. 11: Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee recited parittas on board the aircraft and blessed it, as the plane made a demonstration flight over Yangon. (NLM 8/12)

Aug. 13: The Boeing began operations on the Yangon-Bangkok route. (NLM 8/14)

Aug. 15: Myanma International Airways, jointly operated by Myanma Airways and Highsonic Enterprise Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, celebrated its first anniversary with a dinner at the Strand Hotel attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, the ministers and deputy ministers, Mayor U Ko Lay, MAI Chairman Col. Tun Aung (Retd), Managing Director Mr. Wong Fong Fui, and other notables. (NLM 8/16)

1995 Myanmar Trade Fair

Aug. 12: The second Myanmar Trade Fair will be held in Yangon on Jan. 14-22, 1995 "with the new dimension of inviting exhibitors from abroad." The Fair will be held at Myanma Department Stores, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon. There will be six exhibition halls with a total net indoor area of 108,070 square feet, accommodating 250 booths. The participation fee is US\$ 1,500 per 100 square foot booth. Exhibitors may be manufacturers, traders, sales representatives, agents, associations, or public organizations from Myanmar or abroad. Exhibits should be in line with the following Fair Objectives: to promote foreign trade and investment in Myanmar; to promote and expand Myanmar export trade; to gain market access for locally produced exportable products; to develop local manufacturing with the aim of substituting imports; and to acquire finance and high tech foreign investments for mutual benefits. [Preliminary Intimation Form] (NLM 8/12)

Gems

Aug. 13: The Myanmar Gems Enterprise (MGE) has authorized private enterprises, War Veterans Organizations, and Cooperative Societies to produce jade figurines. For the first time jade was sold to such organizations through competitive bidding at the MGE Emporium. 326 persons bid, and tenders will be examined on Aug. 14. (NLM 8/14) // Aug. 14: 163 lots of jade brought K 7 million. (NLM 8/15)

Aug. 30: A Mid-year Gems Emporium will be held Oct. 20-28, 1994. Speaking to officials, Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min said that "cooperative efforts...should be made with respective military commands for transporting about 250 tons of jade, yielded by mining plots of Jade Mining Division and joint ventures, to Yangon to be cut and polished systematically and to be displayed and sold at the emporium in time. Gem and jade lots priced under 3,000 US dollars should be sold at fixed prices as previously he said." (NLM 8/31)

Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise Closed

Aug. 14: Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Notification No. 1/94 of Aug. 15 dissolves the Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise as of Aug. 15, in accordance with a decision made at Meeting No. 14/94 of the Government of Myanmar on Apr. 27, 1994. The Department of Fisheries "is deemed to have taken over the internal and external business undertakings and relations, assets and liabilities, finances, property and personnel" of the Enterprise. (NLM 8/15)

Business Education Seminars

Aug. 17: Seminar on Business Education No. 1 opened at the Ministry of Trade, and the 400 participants were addressed by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. He "expressed delight in having organized such a seminar for the first time." Over the past six years, there were a total of 14,302 entrepreneurs, including exporters and importers. The Ministry of Trade has organized 46 workshops for entrepreneurs, attended by 3,134 trainees. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 24: Seminar on Business Education No. 2 was held, and was lectured by World Bank Economist U Maung Maung Hla, retired Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Bank. Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung said that "3,104 persons had already attended workshops, seminars and training sponsored by the ministry for development of the private sector...." Seminar No. 3 will be held on Aug. 31. (NLM 8/25)

Joint Ventures

Aug. 21: Joint Venture Corporation No. 2 held its fifth annual meeting, in the presence of officials and of representatives of the Boards of Directors of Rice Merchants Association, Beans and Pulses Merchants Association, and Rice Millers Association. Chairman U Win Myint said that in 1993-94 the JV purchased commodity value was K 388 million and the profits K 48.73 million. "25 per cent of a share" is to be distributed to the shareholders. Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung said that JVC 2 "achieved success to some extent in 1993-94. Ministry of Trade, he said, designated this fiscal as Joint Venture Year and prepared for boosting production...." (NLM 8/22)

Aug. 30: Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Notification No. 36/94 of Aug. 30, establishes the Yangon Sportswear Manufacturing Co. Ltd., a joint venture "for the purpose of manufacturing and marketing of garments," with an authorized capital of K 11,773,000, divided into 47,092 shares of K 250 each, of which 23,546 are held by Myanmar Textile Industries, represented by its Managing Director, and 11,773 by Value Industries Ltd. of Hong Kong, represented by Managing Director Joseph Pang Kai Man of 13-14/F Rays Ind. Bldg., 71, Hung To Road, Kwun Ton, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and 11,773 by Yangon Garment Manufacturing Co. Ltd. represented by Chairman U Win Zaw Nyunt, 192 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. (NLM 8/31)

New Fire Engines

Aug. 30: 50 new fire engines, purchased from Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation, were delivered Aug. 22 at the Nan Yang Hotel in Shweli, Yunnan Province. The fire engines are now in Mandalay, and will be distributed to States and Divisions. (NLM 8/31)

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:			
August 1	71.46	72.24	69.94
August 15	82.68	84.57	82.44
August 30	94.25	96.65	96.14

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Aug. 15: A record rainfall of 15.51 inches fell in Thaton over 24 hours, the highest August rainfall in Thaton in 23 years. (NLM 8/16)

SPORTS

Myanmar Teams and Delegations

July 31: A delegation led by Olympic Council Vice-Chairman Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen. Than Tun left for Bangkok to attend an Aug. 1 meeting of the XVIII South-East Asian Games Organizing Council. He was accompanied by Deputy Director-General Lt-Col. Thein Aung and Deputy Director U Khin Maung Lwin of the Sports and Physical Education Department. (NLM 8/1) // Aug. 3: The delegation returned, after conferring with delegations from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. (NLM 8/4)

Aug. 5: A Myanmar football team, led by Football Federation President U Myint Tun left for Indonesia to participate in the VII Indonesian Independence Day Football Tournament from Aug. 7-14. Team members are: Coaches--Mr. Gerhadus Blok (Holland) and U Tin Han (Construction); Medical Officer--Dr. Thein Nyunt (SPED); Players--Aung Kyaw Kyaw, Zaw Win Naing, Lt. Nyunt Win, Sann Win, Soe Naing 1, Saw Ba Myint, Ngwe Tun, Tin Myo Aung, Myo Myint Htwe, Tin Myint Aung, Kyi Lwin, Soe Moe Kyaw, Kyaw Min, Aung Naing, Than Toe Aung, Myo Hlaing Win, Win Aung, and Maung Maung Oo. (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 8: The team that attended the July 29-Aug. 3 Invitational Women's Volleyball Tournament in Hanoi returned with a bronze. Myanmar beat Indonesia (3-0) and Vietnam B (3-0), and lost to Vietnam A (2-3) and Thailand (0-3). (NLM 8/9)

Aug. 9: Youth Men's, and Youth Women's volleyball teams, led by Volleyball Federation President U Tin Maung Win left for Manila to participate in the Aug. 13-17 VIII South-East Asian Youth Volleyball Tournament. The Men's team includes Manager U Soe Myint, Coaches U Myo Myint and U Kyi Soe, Umpire U Tin Htwe and players Ye Myint, Thein Zaw, Thein Swe, Saw Lay Wah, Win Myint, Kyaw Min Naung, Zaw Htun, Hlwan Moe, Kyaw Soe Aung, Nay Win Kyaw, Kyaw Zeya, and Aung Naing Swe. The Women's team includes leader Director U Aung Sein, Manager Daw Phyu Phyu Zaw, Coaches U Myint Than and Aung Thein Tan, Umpire U Myint Thein, and players Mya Mya Htwe, Htnada Khine, Soe Soe Khine, Nam Hkam Laung, Nyunt Nyunt Wai, Aye Sanda, Ma Nwe Yi, Moe Moe Khine, Khin Linn Wai, Khin Moe Moe Thwe, and Htike Htike Win. (NLM 8/10) // Aug. 17: Myanmar men's youth team beat Thailand 3-0 and emerged as winner. U Myo Myint won the Best Coach Award. Ye Myint won

the Best Player Award. Other awards were won by Nay Win Kyaw, Thein Swe, and Ye Myint. (NLM 8/18) // Aug. 19: The victorious team returned home. The men's team beat Thailand 3-0 in the final, while the women's team came in second. (NLM 8/20)

Foreign Teams and Delegations

Aug. 2: A "tune-up" of the Myanmar-Vietnam goodwill Pencak-Silat will be held Aug. 4, with a Vietnamese team comprising Mr. Nguyen Lephphong as leader, Mr. Bui Yan Hana as deputy leader, and three players. (NLM 8/3)

Aug. 6: Dutchman Roel Hendriks, who seeks to get into the Guinness Book of Records by swimming across all world rivers over 2,000 km. long, swam the Ayeyarwady between Sagaing and Amarapura on Aug. 4, accompanied by Henk Dingemans. He has now crossed 39 of the 44 rivers. (NLM 8/7)

Hole in One

Aug. 9: Maj. Nyan Htein Linn (DSGH) scored an ace Aug. 6 on the 165-yard first hole of the Defence Services Golf Course. (NLM 8/10)

Sports Festival in Kachin State

Aug. 26: The Fifth Student Sports Festival 1994 will be held in Myitkyina, Kachin State, because peace and tranquillity now reign there, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt announced. A new sports stadium and other facilities will be built. (NLM 8/27)

HEALTH

Goiter

Aug. 23: The Central Committee for Preventing Iodine Deficiency held its first meeting, chaired by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. "Health research reports indicated occurrence of goiter in plains regions of Myanmar after 1980, which in the past was widely known to have occurred mostly in hill regions, the minister said." The disease occurs because of lack of iodine in water and soil, and when passed on by mothers can cause deaf, dumb and mentally retarded children. Its occurrence has been noted in some townships in Chin, Kachin, Kayah, and Shan States and in Sagaing and Ayeyarwady Divisions. "A report in 1991 indicated over ten per cent of students have been affected in 14 States and Divisions of the country except Mon State, Magway Division, Mandalay Division and Tanintharyi Division, he said, adding that nearly 28 per cent in the entire country is affected." Goiter has become a priority health problem in Myanmar, because it exceeds the international limit of 10 per cent of the population. Iodized salt is being delivered, and salt tested for iodine content. (NLM 8/24)

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Aug. 11: Nostalgia of Myanmar, by Maung Myanmar. [A Myanmar living abroad notes an article in the Feb. 26, 1994, The Saturday Mercury of Tasmania, Australia, praising Myanmar's art galleries and art shows, and in particular U Lun Kywe's "Golden Valley Art Exhibition."]

Aug. 13: Second Traditional Performing Arts Competitions being readied to add new sparkle to old traditions, by Kyaw Zaw. [K 7.2 million will be given in prize money. 2,880 contestants will take part, and 315 prizes will be given. Changes from last year will include the increase in levels from three to five (amateur, basic education--under 12, basic education--over 12, high school, professional). In musical instruments, the saing (orchestra), saung (harp), pattalar (xylophone), hne (oboe), and palway (flute) categories have been augmented by adding sandaya (piano), tayaw (violin), dobhat, and ohzi. There will be 27 judges; 14 from Yangon, and 14 from the states and divisions {the judge from the competitor's

state/division to abstain}. The competition will run from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2, 1994.]

Aug. 15: Wakhaung, the month of casting lots festival, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Lord Buddha approved seven modes of offering food to monks: (1) Sangha-bhat, food offered to all monks; (2) Uddesa-bhat, offered to one or two monks; (3) Nimantana-bhat, offered to invited monks; (4) Salaka-bhat, offered to monks chosen by casting lots; (5) Pakkhika-bhat, offered to monks on waxing and waning moon days; (6) Uposathika-bhat, offered to monks on the Sabbath day; (7) Patipadika-bhat, offered to monks on the day after Sabbath day. Later, the eight priestly utensils were added to the casting lots system: three pieces of yellow robe, the girdle, the alms bowl, the adze, the water dipper, and the needle. They are hung on a tree-shaped stand called Padei-thabin.]

Aug. 19: Taungbyone Nat Festival, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Nat shrine of the two brothers. Festival lasts five days, beginning on the fifth waxing day of Wakhaung, with special events each day. Details.]

Aug. 21: Metta-Day, The Fullmoon Day of Wagaung, by Aung Thein Nyunt. [The day of "Loving Kindness," which will, Lord Buddha said, bring the following eleven benefits: (1) Sleeping soundly; (2) Awakening happily; (3) Not having bad dreams; (4) Being adored by men; (5) Being adored by spirits and demons; (6) Being guarded by Devas; (7) Not being affected by poisons, weapons and fire; (8) Having quick steadiness; (9) Having serene face; (10) Facing death calmly; and (11) Going to the Brahma abodes after death even if the Blissful Peace is not yet attained in the present life.]

Aug. 29: 'Monsoon Dreams' in multicolour, by Sein Myo Myint. [Visit to the art show at the Shwe Taung Gya Art Centre, and favourable criticism of paintings exhibited.]

Publications

Aug. 7: The Yangon Directory 1994-95 (Yellow Pages), compiled by the Yangon Directory Group, will be available next Monday. The 500-page directory contains "over 50,000 commercial entries with important telephone numbers, other data and maps of 24 townships in Yangon Division." It is available for K 120 at Room 7, second floor, Theingyizay E Complex. For information telephone 73251. (NLM 8/8) // Aug. 17: President Takeo Suzuki of Japan Yellow Pages Ltd. (JYP) explained the history of Yellow Pages directories and their "walking fingers" symbol. (NLM 8/18)

Aug. 18: Taunggyi will celebrate the centenary of its foundation on Sept. 15, 1994, and a commemorative magazine will be published by the Taunggyi Township Writers and Journalists Association in collaboration with the Taunggyi LORC. (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 25: The Ministry of Planning and Economic Development will soon inaugurate a monthly Focus-NPED Newsletter, for local and foreign entrepreneurs, which will feature "natural resources of Myanmar, investment opportunities, facts on investment principles, rules and regulations on establishment of branches of companies, news and statistics on investments, companies and branches, news on international trade and economy, activity of international business and trade organizations, news on Myanmar's foreign economic relations, corporations, news on new devices, facts and statistics on Myanmar's economy and business and advertisements." Persons interested may contact the Directorate of Investments and Companies at 653/691 Merchant Street, Yangon. (NLM 8/26)

Mandalay Moat Dredged

July 31: The Mandalay Moat is being dredged for the first time in 130 years, and the first of the four blocks is almost complete. SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and other officials viewed the progress at Block One, which is 12 feet deep, 250 feet wide, and 14,413 feet long. (NLM 8/1)

Armed Forces Jubilee Competitions

July 31: Rules were announced for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary Competition. "The novels, short stories and articles must portray the twelve noble traditions of the Tatmadaw--patriotic Tatmadaw, disciplined Tatmadaw, loyal Tatmadaw, united Tatmadaw, efficient Tatmadaw, Tatmadaw which makes heroic sacrifices, Tatmadaw which does not seek personal gain, Tatmadaw of noble spirit and high morale, Tatmadaw which has true quality of overcoming obstacles, Tatmadaw which can endure hardships, tenacious and persevering Tatmadaw and Tatmadaw which always upholds Our Three Main National Causes. For novels or short stories, the title can be chosen by the author. For articles, the title is "The Tatmadaw should be given the political leadership role of the future State." Novels are to be 40-50,000 words; short stories 4-8,000 words, and articles 3-5,000 words. (NLM 8/1)

Aug. 1: Rules were announced for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Commemorative video and screenplay competitions. The screenplays must be based on novels portraying the twelve "fine traditions of the Tatmadaw." 2-4,000 work script summaries are to be submitted. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 6: Rules were announced for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Commemorative short poem and long verse competitions. Short poems (100-200 lines) and long verse (1-2,000 lines) must be based on the twelve "fine traditions of the Tatmadaw." (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 19: Rules were announced for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Commemorative song and TV Quiz competitions. Songs are divided into amateur, professional, basic education, and higher education categories; must be based on the twelve Tatmadaw traditions. The TV Quiz will be based on assigned texts dealing with Tatmadaw history; contestants at both the basic education and higher education level "are to study the objectives of the State's exhibitions and competitions and the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw." (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 24: Rules were announced for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day painting and sculpture competitions. Entries are to feature the 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw. There will be five painting categories: open, basic education primary (junior), basic education primary (senior), basic education middle school, and basic education high school. There will be one open sculpture category: sculpture may be in plaster, wood, or bronze, and must be between 18 and 24 inches high. (NLM 8/25)

Performing Arts Competitions

Aug. 6: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt attended a coordination meeting for the Second Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition, and stressed the importance of preserving Myanmar traditional culture, both to prevent alien cultural infiltration and as a tourist attraction. "He said Myanmar have lived in dignity and grandeur for thousands of years with their own cultural structure. Maha Gita classical music and songs developed in Myanmar royal ruling system and the Kings themselves honoured the artistes conferring suitable titles and roles." (NLM 8/7)

Education

Aug. 7: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt visited EEC shops in Thanlyin, Dawbon, Pazundaung, and Kyauktada Townships, Yangon Division. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 13: Six Education Employee Cooperative Syndicates (Ltd) were formed. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt said it was significant that "EEC syndicates could be formed on the day soon after simultaneous formation of more than 300 EEC Societies." He called on the Syndicates, "formed in the second phase after more than 300 EEC societies, to strive for the progress of the society with opportunities under the market-oriented economic system. The syndicates, if they thrive on trading, will be contributory to the national economy...." (NLM 8/14)

Aug. 15: An Education Employees Cooperative shop opened at the

Yangon Institute of Technology. (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 26: Speaking in Myitkyina, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt said that over 300 EECs had been formed. "As a second step syndicates are being formed and there are plans to form the society at the entire State level. This will be further extended to establishing small-scale mills and factories and to carrying out international trade." (NLM 8/27)

Extra-hour Classes

Aug. 26: Speaking in Myitkyina, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt "pointed out that in order to have no difference between the rich and the poor in pursuing education, extra-hour classes are now being conducted at Basic Education schools to make those less intelligent pass the examination, those with fair intelligence to become brighter and the bright students to become outstanding ones.... He said as the teacher have to use their own spare time in teaching at the extra-hour classes at schools, it is incumbent upon the pupils to reciprocate the goodwill of the teachers by offering them honorarium with cetana. In opening at extra-hours classes, it should not be like teaching to complete the lessons which were not completed during regular school hours, but in such a way that pupils will grasp more knowledge and become outstanding students, he explained...." (NLM 8/27)

Aug. 27: Speaking at the conclusion of Special Refresher Course No. 10 for Teachers, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt discussed several educational issues. "Opening extra-hour classes, he said, is a plan aimed at supplementing incomes for the teachers and bringing benefits to students and supervisory committees concerned are to manage as necessary depending on the school, region and economic and social situations of the student families.

"The primary aim of the extra-hour teaching is to carry out a means of fulfilment of education without differentiation as the rich or the poor by stepping up different levels of ability in the student, he said and noted that if the classes are successful, parents will have more reliance on the teachers and pupils will respect and obey them more.

"The Secretary-1 said some parents cannot afford to pay for the classes and some have many children and teachers are to tackle the situation with kindness and goodwill for the education of such pupils and reminded them to avoid a situation that may lead to making unwilling pupils attend them by compulsion.

"Paying fees for the extra-hour classes should be honorarium that is offered to the teachers, to whom homage is due in accordance with the Mingala Sutta and not be a burden to parents, explained.

"He said paying fees should also be an act reflecting the essence of Myanmar culture in which the teacher, as mentor, accepts with pleasure a kind of gratitude shown by his or her pupils for fulfilling their education.

"In rural areas, some pupils visit their teachers when they have difficulties with their lessons and in gratitude, they pay respects offering something they prefer but not so expensive, he explained to them and said it is an appreciable tradition by which the extra classes should be arranged.

"He said opening extra classes is one of the objectives of eradicating private classes and if the teachers go about in a regular way and the students are found lacking in industry in their pursuit, the objective will not be fulfilled.

"He reminded the teachers that if these classes have become a burden to those in management, teachers and parents, there is something faulty in their procedures and they are to take up remedial measures and said the supervisory committee with the principal, teaches and representative parents and other committees, if necessary, are to be formed for systematic management and teaching and together with the formation, disciplinary rules are to be included for teachers and students as well...." (NLM 8/28)

Monastic Education School

Aug. 13: A monastic education school will open at Dagon Myo-U Kyaung in Dagon Myothit (North), on Aug. 20. (NLM 8/14)

Universities and Institutes

Aug. 18: All courses at Universities, Degree Colleges, and Colleges began the 1994 academic year. (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 21: The Institute of Nursing conferred diplomas on 397 trainees. (NLM 8/22)

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.]

Aug. 7,14,21,28: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [Cont. (5-6) The Most Important Basic Natural Resource. (ii) Myanmar Timber Enterprise. (iii) Forest regeneration and other protective measures. Girdling of teak trees has been done on 430,000 acres; standard marking of hardwood trees on 2,000,000 acres; regeneration of forests on 232,000 acres. Reserved Forests demarcations were revised on 3,414 miles; forest compartment demarcations revised on 3,608 miles; 302 square miles have been declared new Reserved Forests. Over 11 million trees were planted in 1992-93. Royalties from foreign firms trading in hardwood etc. totalled K 1,672 million.

[(7-8) The Energy Sector Greatly Contributes to National Economic Development. (i) Energy Planning Department; Myanma Electric Power Enterprise. (ii) Hydel Power; natural gas; joint ventures; foreign exploration of oil fields.]

Aug. 7,14: -- New telephone service for self-reliant people, by Ah-Htet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [New telephone exchange in Myaungtagar village, Hmawby Township {Yangon}.]

Aug. 7: -- An Oasis at Yinmarbin, by Kyu Kyu Thinn. [New tube wells in Yinmarbin Township, Sagaing Division.]

-- We love trees & forests, by Lecturer Daw Myint Than. [Myanmar traditional love of forests.]

-- To contribute towards development of State, by Tin Win Shwe (Shwepangon). [Voluntary labour, including 3,084 youthful members of the USDA and 1,935 "elderly members and the people from the wards and villages", building railroads in Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.]

-- Pakhan region which will soon become lush and green, by Pakhantha. [Sinhaung dam construction project in Yesogyo Township {Magway}.]

-- For greening of Shan Yoma, by Pyin-Oo-Lwin Chit Swe. [USDA volunteers planting teak in northern Shan State.]

Aug. 14: -- The Mandalay Zaygyodaw Super Market, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [New market described.]

-- Agricultural economy is national economy, by Ye Myint Swe (Agriculture). [Importance of agriculture.]

-- For boosting paddy production in Saw Township, by Yawpinni Saw. [Irrigation in Magway Division.]

-- Lush and green land of Yamethin, by Reporter Nyunt Shwe. [Water in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Division.]

-- Turning central parts of Myanmar lush and verdant, by Sagawar. [Importance of forests.]

-- Wetkyi-in Dam development project, by Thein Tun (Physics). [New dam in Meiktila Township, built with aid of 5,200 volunteers and members of the USDA.]

Aug. 21,28: -- Grow Rubber for Long-term Benefits, by Ah-Htet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [(1) How to lease land for growing rubber. (2) Visit to various plantations.]

Aug. 21: -- The Pedisein City of Yangon Division, by Nyein Aung (Taze). [Visit to plantation of pedisein beans in Thongwa Township.]

-- Technology that boosts production, by Paungde Minn Thein. [Avoiding paddy transplanting, by use of drum seeders invented by the Ministry of Agriculture.]

-- New Shan-Myanmar Road, by Myint Lwin Thein (Pyawbwe). [Road construction projects.]

-- Fragrant Mount Popa Gardens, by Sagawar. [Project to restore forests to Mount Popa.]

-- Performing duties with constant vigil, by Reporter Sintgu Soe Win. [How police have reduced crime in Kalaw Township.]

Aug. 28: -- Mataunta Dam for summer paddy cultivation, by Ko Ko Oo. [A part of the Nawin Dam project.]

-- Lilu Bridge to develop Namhsan region, by Sai Tha Hlaing (Leinmawmye). [Bridge across the Dokhtawady River in Shan State.]

-- Ayeyarwady Division and the Golden Jute, by Paungde Minn Thein. [Development of jute industry; creation of Myanmar Jute Enterprise in April 1994. 63,000 acres were planted with jute in the Division this year.]

-- Unusual pieces of furniture made of palmyra-nuts, by Myint Thura. [Stringing palmyra-nuts together on nylon strings for mattresses, chair seats, etc.]

-- Cultivating late monsoon long-staple cotton, by Min Yarzar (Pyay). [Cotton production in Pyay, Bago Division.]

Crime

Aug. 4: Three impersonators, representing themselves as soldiers, who took K 1.5 million from an entrepreneur on July 29 by pretending to sell synthetic leather, have been arrested. K 1.3 million was recovered. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 7: U.A.M. Bahudur has been booked under the foreign currency control law for declaring more currency than was in his possession when he arrived at Yangon Aug. 4. He declared \$25,170 when he only had \$161 in his possession. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 10: Action has been taken in Ayeyarwady Division against various persons caught with illegal marine products: U Mya Sein and 13 others caught with 1,086 turtles, 8 boa constrictors, and 4 seals, in Nyaungdon Township on Apr. 6, and sentenced to three years in prison. Others have been caught: Daw Ei Ei Khin with 49 turtles in Nyaungdon on July 21 (2 years); Tun Tun Oo with 33 turtles in Maubin on July 15; Ma Than Than Swe with 68 turtles in Bogale on June 11; Hla Than with 20 turtles in Bogale on June 16; U Nay Lin and two others with 32,610 crabs in Pyapon Township on July 22; and Aung Than (a) Aung Aung with 69 turtles on Aug. 5. (NLM 8/11)

Aug. 14: The Video Censorship Board scrutinized over 6,000 "uncensored" tapes in 118 Mandalay shops, and charged the shops over K 500,000 for censorship and K 400,000 in customs duty. (NLM 8/15)

Aug. 15: 32 antiques were seized July 28 in Taunggyi, including "miniature zedis in glass mosaic embedded in gilding, miniature wooden zedis, antique shelves, arahat statues, nat statues, hintha, chinthe an dragon figurines, and brass bells, among others." (NLM 8/16)

Officials Charged with Bribery

Aug. 2: U Tun Wai, Twantay Township LORC Chairman, was caught red-handed July 20 when he accepted a K 5,000 bribe from U Yin Htwe, a motor vehicle owner; he had been under surveillance for "asking bribes from owners of motor vehicles plying the Dalla-Twantay bus line. A new vehicle owner has to officially pay K 20,000 to get permission to ply the route and an owner has to officially pay K 5,000 to get permission for replacement of a vehicle. In addition to the amounts stated, motor vehicles owners had to pay between K 5,000 and K 7,000 in bribes to get U Tun Wai's permission...." (NLM 8/3)

Aug. 3: Action will be taken against a judge, law officer, and police officer for taking bribes from, and acquitting, Ye Myint, who was seized Nov. 15, 1993, with 1,000 gallons of acetic anhydride used for refining heroin. Bribed were the Chairman of the Yay-aye-kwin Ward LORC Chairman (K 30,000), Police Station Commander

U Kaung Sein (K 40,000), District Law Officer U Aung Sein (K 300,000), and Deputy Shan State Judge U Mya Thein (K 500,000). (NLM 8/4) // Aug. 11: Editorial: Tighten the screw. ["The case in Taunggyi is a recent development and may not be the solitary example of corruption of the law enforcement personnel. Preventive measures are to be consistently carried out down to the village level to ensure there is proper vigilance and to bring the offenders to book...."]

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Aug. 4: A passenger on the Mandalay-Yangon Express was seized May 5 with 0.2 kilo of heroin. Taunggyi police on Aug. 4 seized 0.2 kilo of heroin. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 9: 4.1 kilos of opium were seized July 15 at Mandalay Railway Station. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 12: 0.2 kilo of heroin was seized in Katha July 21. 1.0 kilo of heroin was seized in Pyin-Oo-Lwin on July 30. 0.2 kilo of heroin and a pistol were seized Aug. 2 in Taunggyi. (NLM 8/13)

Aug. 14: 44 bottles of Phencodine were seized Aug. 1 in Tachilek. (NLM 8/15)

Aug. 30: 880 bottles of Phensedyl were seized Aug. 26 in Kalay. (NLM 8/31)

Obituaries

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

July 30: Soorma: Yacob Mohammad died in Karachi, Pakistan. [article] (NLM 8/1)

July 31: Mr. J.W. Roberts (a) U Khin Htun, husband of Daw Mya Shwe, died in Tarmway, Yangon, aged 85. [Christian] (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 1: Daw May May Than (Mrs. Pauline Maung Maung Khin), wife of U Maung Maung Khin, died in Yangon, aged 69. (NLM 8/2)

Aug. 5: Mr. R. Kotiah, Proprietor of Seepwye Watch Components Co., died in Yangon, aged 78. [Hindu] (NLM 8/6)

Aug. 6: Daw Ni, widow of U T.K. Boon, died in Yangon, aged 77. (NLM 8/7)

Aug. 7: U Ohn Maung (Pakokku) (Shin Indacakka), Retired Sub-Divisional Police Officer, husband of the late Daw Tint Tin, died in Yangon, aged 87. (NLM 8/8)

Aug. 7: U Martin Po Thaug, Retired BAC Traffic Manager, husband of the late Daw Marie Sein, died in Yangon, aged 76. [Christian] (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 12: Daw Tin May (a) Chong May Sher, widow of U Maung Aye (a) Sha Yap Yun, died in New York. (NLM 8/14)

Aug. 14: His Excellency Bishop John Gabriel, Bishop of Pathein Diocese, died in Pathein, aged 57. [Catholic] (NLM 8/16)

Aug. 18: Daw Nyunt Wai (a) Joycelyn Lewis, widow of U Tun Zin, died in Yangon, aged 68. [Christian] (NLM 8/19)

Aug. 19: U Moe Din (Noel), husband of the late Daw Hnin Yin, died in Yangon, aged 80. (NLM 8/20)

Aug. 28: U Tin Lwin (a) U Maung (Mawlamyine), husband of the late Daw Tin Tin, died in Yangon, aged 90. [Christian] (NLM 8/29)

Earthquakes

Aug. 4: An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.8 Richter) was recorded at 21:32:16 local time, with epicentre about 60 miles NW of Mindat. (NLM 8/5)

Aug. 9: An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.9 Richter) was recorded at 03:40:35 local time, with epicentre about 537 NW of Yangon. (NLM 8/10)

Aug. 20: An earthquake of slight intensity (4.9 Richter) was recorded at 03:32:58 local time, with epicentre about 35 miles E of Pyu. (NLM 8/21)

Floods

[Throughout the month, there were repeated Flood Warnings for various southern Myanmar rivers, but only one news item on flood

damage]:

Aug. 10: Southern Commander Maj-Gen. Soe Myint inspected flood damage in Yedashe Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division, primarily flooded paddy fields. (NLM 8/11)

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