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- Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. [POLITICAL]
- U Myint Thein ("Uncle Monty"), former Burmese Chief Justice, former Burmese Ambassador to Nanking, Beijing, and the United Nations, poet, and friend to generations of Burmese and foreigners, died in Yangon at the age of 94. [MISCELLANEOUS--OBITUARIES]
- Ancient Bagan-era irrigation canals in Yesagyo Township (confluence of Chindwin and Ayeyarwady Rivers) being rebuilt. [MISCELLANEOUS--SUNDAY--Chindwin River]
- Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt outlined criteria for the privatisation of State-owned economic enterprises. [ECONOMIC]
- Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw addressed the UN General Assembly, noting establishment of a new dialogue with the UN Secretary-General [major extracts]. [MYANMAR DELEGATIONS-UNGA]
- All graduating doctors must serve as State service personnel for at least three years. [HEALTH]
- New United States Charge d'Affaires Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers

arrived in Myanmar and began to meet with officials. [DIPLOMATIC]

Note: Issues for October 4 and 14 not received.

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 Myanmar Naing-Ngan [reverted back from "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:

Oct. 1-14: Dhammacariya, lawful conduct; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 15-31: Natakananca sangaho, to support thy relatives; 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:

Oct. 15: For international peace and development, by Maung Dawna. [Celebration of UN.]

Oct. 17: Peace and Tranquillity Restored to Pa-O Area, by Maung Thamardi. [Return to legal fold of the SSNPLO, led by President U Takleh. "For a man of his age, U Takleh was very active and smart. He was already 75 years old but was as agile as a man of 50.... U Takleh went into the jungles in 1948 when he was only 27 years old and he had roamed about the jungles for all the past fifty years. He has now returned to his kinsmen, his old friends, his sayadaws and to his peaceful practice of religion. For the present the State will provide food, clothing, shelter and other social necessities to his comrades and their families...."]

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.]

Oct. 4: 1,673 persons from 313 households returned to reception camps on Sept. 29-30, bringing the total to 78,203. (NLM 10/5)

Special Refresher Courses

Oct. 15: Special Refresher Course No. 11 for Teachers concluded, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who reviewed Myanmar economic development. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 24: Special Refresher Course No. 4 for Township Officers of the General Administration Department opened at Hlegu, and was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. The 8-week course is being attended by 245 trainees. (NLM 10/25)

Gen. Than Shwe On Tour

Oct. 8: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe drove to Pyay in Bago Division, and visited various economic projects. (NLM 10/9) // Oct. 9: He visited the site of the Ayeyarwady (Pyay) Bridge, which will be 4,183 feet long, carrying motor cars and pedestrians. [full page of photos] (NLM 10/10) // Oct. 10: He inspected dams and projects in Magway Division. (NLM 10/11) // Oct. 11: He inspected the

Kawgyi Dam project in Lawksawk Township, Shan State. [full page of photos at Phaungdaw-Oo Pagoda at Inlay Lake.] (NLM 10/12) // Oct. 12: He visited agricultural projects in Mandalay Division, as well as the restoration and renovation of ancient monuments, including the Maha Atulawaiyan Kyaunggyi (Atumashi), which will be restored by the SLORC. He then went on to Sagaing. [full page of photos] (NLM 10/13) // Oct. 13: [NLM for 10/14 not received] // Oct. 14: He visited tube well drilling projects in Yinmabin Township and the Nwekhway Reservoir in Chaung-U Township [Sagaing]. (NLM 10/15) // Oct. 15: He returned to Yangon, after inspecting "dams and reservoir projects and agricultural services in Bago, Magway Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions and Shan State." [full page of photos] (NLM 10/16) // Oct. 16: Under the guidance of SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, new water sources will allow 250,000 more acres of crops in Central Myanmar. (NLM 10/17)

SSNPLO Rebels Give Up

Oct. 9: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt flew to Hsihseng Township [Shan] with a high-level delegation to receive the return to legal fold of the Shan State Nationalities Peoples' Liberation Organization (SSNPLO), represented by Chairman U Takleh, who turned in "the list of SSNPLO members who have returned to the legal fold" and "said the day marked confirmation between State Law and Order Restoration Council and the SSNPLO to jointly work for regional peace and development of the Pa-O region.... He explained that his group had reached agreement to renounce the armed struggle line and implement the projects for regional peace and tranquillity and region progress after negotiations.... He said he sincerely looks forward to solutions through earliest negotiations with the remaining armed groups for peace, prosperity and progress of the entire region. He declared that SSNPLO will not secede from the Union and it will oppose all attempts to secede from the Union. In the meantime, he said, it will strive for unity of all Pa-O nationals in Myanmar...." Also speaking was SSNPLO Deputy Leader U Sein Shwe.

Eastern Commander Maj-Gen. Saw Tun noted that 13 armed groups have now returned to the fold of peaceful political system. He "warned of the danger at close range of traitors inside the nation and neo-colonialists outside although conditions in the country are heading for stability and progress. On the other hand, he said, the Loimaw drug trafficking group with no conviction continues to kill innocent people. They are disturbing peace and tranquillity in the country, he said. He declared that the Tatmadaw will continue to fight the Loimaw drug trafficking group till it is eliminated...." [full page of photos] (NLM 10/10)

Oct. 10: Editorial: Harmonious making of the nation. [The 9th of October is a red letter day for the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization and for all of us as well because they renounced the line of armed struggle and returned to the legal fold in a heart-warming ceremony in the Hsiseng Township Hall.... It is to the credit of the SSNPLO and to the Government's that this peaceful condition has been achieved. Together, unitedly, our brethren shall forge ahead in peace and prosperity."]

Special Regions

Oct. 10: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt met with leader of Kokang nationals of northern Shan State Special Region-1 U Yang Moe Lian and party, to discuss development projects. (NLM 10/11)

General Maung Aye On Tour

Oct. 21: Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye, accompanied by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and others, flew to Bahtoo Myo to address the graduating parade of the 22nd batch of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 22: The General inspected regional development in Namhsan

and the Mongshu "Gemland," returning to Taunggyi in the evening. (NLM 10/23)

Oct. 23: The General visited Inlay and the Phaungdaw-U Pagoda, and toured Kengtung and eastern Shan State. [full page of photos] (NLM 10/24)

Oct. 24: The General inspected development projects in Mongkhat, Mongyang, and Mongping Townships [Shan]. [full page of photos] (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: The General continued his tour of eastern Shan State, visiting Kengtung, Monghsat, Mongton, and Tachilek. [photos] (NLM 10/26)

Secretary-1 Meets Aung San Suu Kyi

Oct. 29 [full text]: "Dialogue between the State Law and Order Restoration Council Secretary-1, Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met this morning at No. 1 Tatmadaw Guest House from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock. The discussions which were frank and cordial, covered the current political and economic situation of the country, the political and economic reforms which the State Law and Order Restoration Council is in the process of implementation and steps that should be taken with a view to the long-term welfare of the nation. Judge Advocate-General Brig-Gen. Than Oo and Inspector-General Brig-Gen. Tin Aye were also present at the meeting. [photos] (NLM 10/29)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention Plenary Session

[News stories sometimes list speakers, and often note when the next meetings are due, but very little of substance is included.]

Sept. 30: Five groups met. Peasants: The Panel of Chairmen coordinated the paper on self-administered areas. Intelligentsia and intellectuals: The Panel of Chairmen coordinated the proposal paper on self-administered areas. State service personnel: Delegates discussed proposal papers on self-administered areas. Political parties: various papers on self-administered areas were presented. National races: The delegates will coordinate proposal papers Oct. 5. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 4: Two groups met. Peasants: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized the proposal papers. National races: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 5: Seven groups met. Peasants: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on self-administered areas. Workers: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen studied proposal papers on self-administered areas, legislative, executive, and judiciary, and scrutinized a paper on self-administered areas from Defence Ministry personnel. Political parties: delegates heard proposal papers on self-administered areas from various parties. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized a paper on self-administered areas. National races: a proposal paper on self-administered areas was unanimously adopted, and papers on legislative power were discussed. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 6: Five groups met. Peasants: the proposal paper on self-administered areas was approved. Workers: papers on the executive and judiciary chapters were discussed. State service personnel: papers were discussed. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Nationalities: proposal papers were read. (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 7: Four groups met. Intelligentsia and intellectuals: proposal papers were read; the proposal paper on self-administered areas was approved Sept. 30, and will be presented at the Plenary Session. State service personnel: the Ministry of Defence delegates paper on self-administered areas was read. Other invited delegates: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. National races:

proposal papers were read. (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 10: Three groups met: Workers: the Panel of Chairmen "discussed holding of group discussions" on Oct. 11. State service personnel: papers on the legislature were read; the paper on self-administered areas was discussed. Nationalities: papers on the legislature were read. (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 11: Two groups met. Workers: papers on self-administered areas were read. State service personnel: papers on self-administered areas were read. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 14: Five groups met. Peasants: proposal papers were discussed. Workers: papers were discussed, and subgroups formed. Intelligentsia and intellectuals: proposal papers were read. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen held a coordination meeting to scrutinize the Legislative proposal paper. Representatives-elect: a paper on self-administered areas was scrutinized. (NLM 10/15)

Oct. 17: Five groups met. Workers: proposal papers were compiled. State service personnel: a proposal paper was read. Other invited persons: proposal papers on self-administered areas were read by delegates from Shan State North Special Regions 1 and 7. Political parties: proposal papers were submitted to the Panel of Chairmen; others will follow. Representatives-elect: proposal papers were submitted to the Panel of Chairmen. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 20: Four groups met. Peasants: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on the executive. Workers: proposal papers were compiled. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen met and scrutinized proposal papers. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on self-administered areas. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 21: Five groups met: Peasants: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on the legislature. Workers: four subgroups were formed. Intelligentsia and intellectuals: proposal papers were read. State service personnel: a proposal paper on the legislature was read. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen met and scrutinized papers on self-administered areas. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized five papers on self-administered areas. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 25: Four groups met. Workers: papers were coordinated. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized draft papers. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on self-administered areas. National races: the Panel of Chairmen met. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: Four groups met. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Political parties: proposal papers on self-administered areas were read. National races: proposal papers were read and approved. (NLM 10/26)

Oct. 26: Four groups met. Peasants: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. State service personnel: A coordination meeting was held, and proposal papers were compiled by "service personnel of Ministry of Defence". Political parties: proposal papers were read. National races: proposal papers were read. (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 27: Two groups met. Representatives-elect: proposal papers on self-administered areas were presented. National races: proposal papers on the executive were presented. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: Three groups met. Intelligentsia and intellectuals: proposal papers were presented, and a group to compile them formed. Representatives-elect: proposal papers were presented on self-administered areas; papers on the legislature are still being examined. National races: proposal papers on the executive were presented. (NLM 10/29)

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.

Sept. 30: Swiss Ambassador Mr. Blaise Godot called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 4: Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin, on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. UNICEF Resident Representative Steven H. Umemoto called on Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Win Naing. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 5: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 6: UNICEF Resident Representative Steven H. Umemoto called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min, and on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. Singapore Ambassador Calvin Eu Mun Hoo called on Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung. Japanese Ambassador Takashi Tajima called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 7: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. The Singapore Ambassador called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 10: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 11: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 12: The Chinese Ambassador 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. Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 10/13)

Oct. 14: The Pakistani Ambassador called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. Philippine Ambassador Rosario V. Carino, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, 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. (NLM 10/15)

Oct. 15: Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 17: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, and on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 18: Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 20: British Ambassador Julian D.N. Hartland-Swann called on Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung. Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov, accompanied by Second Secretary Dr. Serguei A. Simakin, called on Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein to discuss the visit of a Russian TV crew and writers delegation. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 21: Thai Ambassador Virasakdi Futrakul, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Director John Kristensen of the UN Drug Control Programme, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 24: Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein. Bangladeshi Ambassador Brig. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman (Retd) called on Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: The Chinese Ambassador called on Minister at the Prime

Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, and on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov, accompanied by Second Secretary Serguei A. Simakine, called on Secretary Police Maj-Gen. San Thein of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, to discuss bilateral cooperation in eradication of narcotic drugs.. (NLM 10/26)

Oct. 27: Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza was received by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu was received by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Danish Ambassador Jorgen Blangsted Reimers called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. [see also under New US Charge d'Affaires, below] (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: The Pakistani Ambassador called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. The Danish Ambassador called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin to discuss "financial and bilateral cooperation," and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin. (NLM 10/29)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Oct. 5: Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Abbas H. Mirza presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 27: Mr. Jorgen Blangsted Reimers presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Danish Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 10/27)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Oct. 25: Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Winn left for Bangkok. (NLM 10/26)

United Nations Day Message

Oct. 24: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe issued the following UN Day Message [full text]:

Today we are commemorating the forty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. As we approach the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization, it is time to reflect on how far the Organization has fared in realizing the goals enshrined in the Charter. The overriding objective of the Charter is to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

The United Nations plays a unique and significant role in maintaining international peace and security, in promoting international development cooperation, in the peaceful settlement of disputes in conformity with justice and international law and in securing the right of self-determination for people under alien or colonial domination. The international community should pay tribute to the United Nations for its accomplishments and the commendable job it has done since its inception.

With near universality in its membership, it is the only World Organization in its true sense. As the United Nations is called upon to play a more central role in the pursuit of peace and development, it is essential that the Organization acts faithfully in accordance with the cardinal principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter in carrying out its many and varied functions required out of the new realities of the present-day world.

On this annual occasion it will be most fitting to remember that the Member States of the United Nations have pledged their commitment under Article 2(4) of the Charter, to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations. This is the foundation of a stable and well-ordered international relations. After the end of the Cold War the need for democratization in international relations has become more pronounced

than ever before in the context of the new realities. We therefore feel that in redefining the role of the Security Council or in broadening the definition of what constitutes a threat to international peace and security, strict adherence to the Charter principles should be observed, and consensus among Member States should be sought after.

In recent years, the world has undergone fundamental and dramatic changes. We should not hesitate to seize this opportunity to make the United Nations more effective in responding to new kinds of challenges in the post Cold War era. The time is ideal to build enduring peace through development. We firmly believe that the United Nations is our best hope to transform the noble aims of the Charter into reality--maintaining international peace and security, and promoting development and social progress of mankind.

On this solemn forty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, let us reaffirm our strong commitment to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, and rededicate ourselves to strive for meaningful international cooperation in pursuit of international peace, development and social progress, envisaged by the founding fathers of the Organization.
(NLM 10/25)

New US Charge d'Affaires

Oct. 27: Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers, new United States Charge d'Affaires a.i., was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. "The charge d'affaires ai spoke of improving bilateral relations." She also called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: The United States Charge d'Affaires called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein.

She also called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. The Minister said "it is the duty of the State to hinder and stop in time a group of unscrupulous persons if they try to cause upheavals in the country. Therefore the State Law and Order Restoration Council will have to take appropriate steps for the welfare of the State and the people."

"The Charge d'Affaires said that as the minister has mentioned that to have democracy, it is necessary to have discipline. She said she had once been in Myanmar and that this time she finds Yangon clean and tidy, there are now wire meshing at road crossings and public is allowed to cross the roads at the designated place only and thus both the drivers and the pedestrians can go about in safety."

When the Charge asked where tourists are allowed to visit, "the minister said there are is no restriction whatsoever for tourists, however, they are required to get permission from the ministry if they wish to visit remote areas in the north and south." There was discussion of Myanmar's preparations to receive 500,000 visitors in 1996, noting that air service will be expanded and Air Mandalay will operate a Chiangmai-Mandalay-Bagan route, with extension to Yangon; Myanmar embassies have "made arrangements to issue visas expeditiously."

"Ms. Meyers suggested that tourist information centres should be opened as in other countries, that she is very interested in Myanma cultural dances and that she wishes to entertain the guest with such dances at her house once in a way [sic]." (NLM 10/29)

[For further meetings, see above under Diplomatic Calls.]

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Projects

Oct. 11: A Seminar on Konica Nice Print System 808 SQA Photo Processing Machine and XG Film Series was held today by KTDO Cooperative Store No. 18 Ltd. (Nikko General Trading) in collaboration with Konica Corp., Japan, Konica Singapore Pte. Ltd., and Golden Glory Company, Singapore. Manager of Konica Corp., Mr.

Tomohisa Saito, and Senior Engineer (Sale) Mr. William Choy of Konica Singapore, spoke. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 20: A two-day Seminar on Health Economics, attended by health personnel and UN agency officials, opened and was addressed by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, who noted that the National Health Policy states: "-- To augment the role of cooperative, joint ventures, private sectors and non-governmental organizations in delivery of health care in view of the changing economic system; -- To explore and develop alternative health care financing system." (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 24: A Seminar on Securities, Capital Markets and Privatisation, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Central Bank of Myanmar, and the Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd. of Japan, and the Tokyo Stock Exchange, opened at the Educational Research Bureau on Pyay Road. Speakers included Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, "leading resource persons" Mr. Zenichi Ishikawa from the Daiwa Institute, and Mr. Takeji Yamashita and Mr. Hideaki Yamashita from the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Minister Abel noted that "all three of the mentioned subjects are not only new and very unfamiliar to most of us in Myanmar at this time but also are of extreme importance for Myanmar in its strive [sic] for economic development and the transformation of its economy...." He outlined the three topics, noting that "the State has declared and made public its intention on this privatisation issue a few weeks ago and it is now in the process of implementation." He discussed financial and capital markets (noting that Myanmar had a small "Rangoon Stock Exchange" trading seven European stocks "sometime before the great depression of 1930," and long before any of Myanmar's neighbours). (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: The Seminar concluded with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, who hailed it as "the first time the important aspects of securities, capital markets and process of privatization are jointly deliberated and discussed in a pragmatic fashion." He also noted that "as Myanmar economy has now become more or less stabilised in a transition to market economic system, it is time to take appropriate steps for the formal opening of a stock exchange in Yangon. It is heartening to hear that there are lively and active discussions among the resource persons and participants in this regard." 39 officers of 15 ministries and organizations, and 89 entrepreneurs, totalling 129, participated in the two-day seminar. (NLM 10/26)

Oct. 24: A Workshop on Community Multipurpose Fuelwood Woodlot Project, sponsored by UNDP and FAO, was held at the Popa Forest Department National Park in Kyaukpadaung Township on Oct. 20-21, attended by 45 participants. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 26: A three-day Workshop on Prevention of Accidents, jointly sponsored by the Health Department and WHO, opened at the Myanmar Medical Association. Speakers included WHO Resident Representative Dr. Tom Pruvolage. (NLM 10/27)

Donations from Abroad

Sept. 30: The Japanese Government donated three ambulances, one with four-wheel drive, worth US\$ 68,700, to the Myanmar Red Cross Society. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 5: On behalf of JOICFP of Japan, President Mr. Takaji Hoshino of Hoshino Co. Ltd. of Japan presented 150 bicycles, 30 pumps, and 150 tubes to the Health Ministry; 14 bicycles to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; and 10 bicycles, 3,000 notebooks, and 5,000 pencils to the Ministry of Education. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 21: President Mr. C.P. Suh of Daewoo Corporation donated K 100,000 to the Myanmar Taekwando Federation. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 26: Dr. Koei Nakamura and Mr. Tanaki Kenji of The Third World Shop of Japan presented four endoscopes worth ◆ 2 million to Yangon General Hospital. They also presented a Cardimax FX 1201 ECG

worth ◆ 400,000 to the North Okkalapa People's Hospital. (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 26: The Honorable Mr. Yoshihiko Tsuchiya Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan, donated US\$ 300 and stationery to the School for the Blind at Kyimyindine. The donation was presented by his Executive Office Director Mr. Tomotoshi Kamimura and Director of Social Welfare Office Mr. Nobutaka Sugiura. He also donated US\$ 1,000 to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; the gift was presented by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. (NLM 10/27)

Goodwill Jade Plaque for Leyte

Oct. 6: A 125 kilo jade plaque, with a signed message from SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, was presented to the Philippine Embassy to be placed in the Rock Garden for Peace being constructed in Leyte, Philippines, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landings in World War II. The inscription reads: "Meeta-Karuna-Mudita. Let us cultivate love and goodwill (Metta) compassion (karuna) and sympathetic joy (mudita) to preserve peace and prevent war." Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman, State Law and Order Restoration Council, Union of Myanmar, 20 October 1994." (NLM 10/7)

Indonesia House

Oct. 6: the Myanmar-Indonesia Trade and Investment Development Implementation Committee held its meeting No. 1/94, in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt; the latter said Indonesia House had been formed under the aegis of the Indonesian Government. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel said that Indonesia House had made proposals in eight sectors: "communications, establishment of forest products and finished goods factory, private broadcasting station, foodstuff production plant, personal goods factory, cigarette factory and textile and garment factory and operating of Sempati air route." (NLM 10/7)

Chinese Photo Exhibit in Mandalay

Oct. 22: The China News Photo Exhibition marking the 45th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China opened in Mandalay; speeches were made by Mandalay LORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than and the Chinese Consul-General in Mandalay. (NLM 10/23) // Oct. 30: The exhibition concluded, after being seen by 13,802 persons. (NLM 10/31)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

Oct. 18: An Asian Development Bank study mission headed by Dr. F. Pante, Jr., accompanied by ADB Executive Director U Soe Thwin, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 10/19) // Oct. 27: The delegation met with Chairman U Ko Ko Gyi of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to discuss "the private sector, market economy, accomplishments of MCCI and banking services." (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 20: Asian Development Bank Director Noritada Morita called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the Bangkok regional conference of Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, China, and Vietnam in November. (NLM 10/21)

Cultural and Medical Visitors

Sept. 30: Miss Feng Mi of China was given a certificate by the University of Culture for attending a one-year course on Myanmar dancing. Miss Feng graduated from the PRC Dancing College in 1966, and is Director (Assistant Professor in Dancing) of the Oriental Singing and Dancing Troupe. She was awarded an international Latin Dance bronze medal in 1968 by the Royal Association of Dancing Tutors (Britain). (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 1: The Orbis Flying Hospital arrived, with a 30-member

medical team headed by Mr. Oliver Foot. It will spend three weeks operating on patients and lecturing on the latest techniques. (NLM 10/2) // Oct. 5: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and others visited the flying hospital. Mr. Foot presented laser equipment for eye treatment. (NLM 10/6) // Oct. 6: Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt hosted a dinner in honor of Mr. Oliver Foot. (NLM 10/7) // Oct. 23: The Ministry of Health presented a gold embroidery to the team; thanks were returned by Dr. Veranda Sang Wan. (NLM 10/24)

Oct. 4: Pilots Peter McMillan and Lang Kidby and engineer Dan Nelson stopped over in Mingaladon Airport in their replica World War I Vickers Vimy bomber, while retracing the historic flight of the Smith Brothers 75 years ago. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 15: A 12-member team of American cardiac surgeons, led by Dr. C. Joan Coggin and Dr. Kyaw Win of Lomalinda University arrived to spend two weeks performing cardiovascular operations and holding topical discussions. (NLM 10/16) // Oct. 17: Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin hosted a dinner for the team. (NLM 10/18) // Oct. 18: The team was received by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. It donated surgical instruments worth US\$ 160,000. (NLM 10/19) // Oct. 20: Visiting cardiac surgeons of the US Heart to Heart Group, led by Dr. Kyaw Win, Dr. Nu Nanda Than, and Mr. Jerry Daly, in collaboration with Myanmar surgeons, continued cardiac operations at Yangon General Hospital, and also lectured. (NLM 10/21) // Oct. 21: Operations continued. (NLM 10/22)

Business Visitors

Oct. 5: Manager Mr. Mark W. Sawyer of Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO) of the United States and party called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and briefed him on the company and its Southeast Asian business undertakings; "they expressed their wish to do business in Myanmar offshore and inland areas in cooperation with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise." (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 7: Boreum Confections of Korea, represented by Mr. and Mrs. Joong Yoon Yi of Tong Yang Co., distributed its Orion-brand confections to Myanmar dignitaries and the public. (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 11: Chairman Mr. Robert Friedland of Ivanhoe Myanmar Holdings Co. Ltd. of Canada called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min to present a six-month report on exploration for minerals in the Copper Project; he presented a proposal for extraction of refined copper by the SX-EW method. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 12: A delegation from the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 10/13) // Oct. 14: It called on Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Than Nyunt. (NLM 10/15)

Oct. 15: President Zenshiro Yuba of Sanyo Electric Trading Co. Ltd., accompanied by General Manager Akira Yamada, and by Managing Director Ronald Chang of M/s Swee Hong Exim Pte. Ltd. of Singapore and Swee Hong Myanmar Ltd., unveiled its neon Sanyo billboard on top of the Immigration and Manpower Department Building at the corner of Maha Bandoola Street and Maha Bandoola Park Street. [see also under Advertisements.] (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 28: Vice-Chairman Mr. Takuya Yoshida of Itochu Corporation of Japan and Chairman Mr. Tomoo Takahara of the CRC Research Institute of Japan called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss foreign investment and economic cooperation. (NLM 10/29)

Foreign Journalists

Oct. 7: South-East Asia Regional Correspondent Mr. Sridhar Krishnaswami of The Hindu daily called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, who spoke of the need for investments in "cold storages and processing factories." (NLM 10/8) // Oct. 10: He called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 14: German correspondent Mrs. Christel Pilz called on

Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung.
(NLM 10/15)

Oct. 28: Head of the BBC Myanmar Section Mr. Derek Brooke-Wavell, accompanied by his wife, called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, and presented him with the "Look Ahead" spoken English audio and video tapes. (NLM 10/29)

Religious Delegations

Oct. 25: A Chinese Mahayana Monk, Shih Hsin Tao (a) U Kusala, who was ordained as a Theravada Monk in Myanmar, returned home. (NLM 10/26)

Vientiane Mayor

Oct. 4: The Mayor of Vientiane and party toured Bogyoke Aung San Market, accompanied by Yangon City Development Committee Secretary U Kyaw Win [photo caption]. (NLM 10/5) // Oct. 5: Vientiane Mayor Mr. Boun Ngang Vorachat and delegation made a study tour of Yangon, and called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, who hosted a dinner at the City Golf Resort clubhouse. (NLM 10/6) // Oct. 6: He continued his Yangon tour, and called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 10/7) // Oct. 7: The Mayor left for a tour of Mandalay and upper Myanmar. (NLM 10/8) // Oct. 10: He departed for home. (NLM 10/11)

Kunming Vice-Mayor

Oct. 12: A 15-member Chinese delegation led by Kunming Vice-Mayor Mr. Zi Guorui arrived at the invitation of Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. (NLM 10/13) // Oct. 19: He left. [See also under ECON: Joint Ventures] (NLM 10/20)

Thai Deputy Foreign Minister

Oct. 17: A delegation led by Thai Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Surin Pitsuwan arrived to sign an agreement on construction of a Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge at Myawady. He called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and presented US\$ 49,933.33 for vocational training equipment for border areas; US\$ 9,988 for excavation of the Bayintnaung Palace; US\$ 6991.62 for two photo copiers for the Immigration and Manpower and Prisons Departments; US\$ 1,997.60 for teaching aids at the Thai Department of the Institute of Foreign Languages; and K 1,923.077 to repair Thai Hall on Kaba Aye Hill. He also called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, and told him "that Thai fishery entrepreneurs are eager to make investments in Myanmar fisheries...."

He and Deputy Minister for Construction Col. Aung San signed the "Agreement on the Construction, Ownership, Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Friendship Bridge over the Moei/Thaungyin River." The Thai Deputy Minister noted that the bridge would connect Amphue Maesod, in Tak Province, with Myawady in Kayin State, and link up the entire Asian Highway road network. Following the ceremony, the Thai Deputy Minister returned home. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 20: The cash, totalling US\$ 68,910 and K 1,923,077, was transferred to the departments concerned. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 21: The foundation stone of the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge (Myawady) was laid by Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, in the presence of the Thai Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, and of Minister of Transport and Communications Col. Vinai Sompong. (NLM 10/22)

Yunnan Cultural Delegations

Oct. 20: A four-member libraries study delegation from Yunnan Province, led by Deputy Librarian Yang Bing Cheng of the Yunnan Province Library, arrived. He was accompanied by Staff Officer Liang Tingji of the Yunnan Province Culture Department, and Librarians Chen Zhijie and Li Shize. They will remain until Nov. 2, and visit

libraries, ancient buildings, and museums on Yangon, Mandalay, and Taunggyi. (NLM 10/21) // Oct. 21: The delegation called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 10/22) // Oct. 22: The delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and downtown Yangon. (NLM 10/23) // Oct. 24: The delegation visited the Library of the Sarpay Beikman Board, the National Museum, and the National Library. (NLM 10/25) // Oct. 25: The delegation visited the Archaeology Department Library, the Central Bio-medical Library, the Library of Central Research, and the Library of Buddha University at Kaba Aye. They were hosted at dinner by Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt. (NLM 10/26) // Oct. 30: The delegation visited Mandalay Oct. 28-29, including the Mandalay Library and Museum. (NLM 10/31)

Oct. 20: Lecturers from the Yunnan Province School of Dance and Drama Fang Lun Yu and Ms. Liu Kabo called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. They will visit the University of Culture in Yangon and the State School of Dance and Drama in Mandalay. (NLM 10/21) // Oct. 25: The delegation, and the library delegation [above] were hosted at dinner by Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt. (NLM 10/26)

Indonesian Military Delegation

Oct. 24: A delegation from the Indonesian Joint Staff College, led by Air-Marshals Drs Dkamiko, called on Director of Military Training of the Defence Services Brig-Gen. Saw Lwin. (NLM 10/25)

German Diplomat

Oct. 25: Counsellor First Class Mr. Jurgen Staks, Head of the South-East Asian Division of the German Foreign Ministry, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel at the Myanma Investment Commission to discuss economic development and German-Myanmar cooperation. (NLM 10/26)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Oct. 11: Lecturer Daw Than Than Win of the Industrial Chemistry Department of Yangon University left for Japan to attend a course on Tribology (Tribochemistry) under Japanese government sponsorship. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 12: A 5-member cultural delegation led by Principal U Maung Maung Khaing of the University of Culture left on a two-week study tour of China. Other members are Literature Lecturer Daw Khin Hla Htay, Music Assistant Lecturer U Kyi Thwin, and Art Assistant Lecturer U Kyaw Lay of the University of Culture, and Principal U Soe Tint of the State School of Fine Arts. (NLM 10/13) // Oct. 26: The delegation returned. (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 15: Staff Officer Daw Nu Mya Zan of the Rakhine State Library and Museum left for Japan to study the art of museum illustrations for three months at the National Museum of Various Cultures in Osaka. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 15: Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Myint Oo of Bago Degree College left for the Slovak Republic to attend a three-month IAEA course in analytical chemistry. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 22: A Myanmar Red Cross delegation led by President Dr. Tin Oo left for Bangkok to study Red Cross activities in Thailand. Other members are Red Cross EC member U Chin Sein, Head of Division U Tin Nyunt, Taikkyi Township Secretary Dr. Aye Thet Hlaing, Yankin Township brigade members Maung Min Thu and Maung Aung Min Min Ko, Bahan Township brigade member Ma Ei Mon Thant, and Monywa Township brigade member Ma Mya Nu Swe. (NLM 10/23) // Oct. 29: The delegation returned. (NLM 10/30)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Sept. 30: A delegation headed by Deputy Minister for Agriculture U Tin Hlaing left for Manila to attend the Oct. 3-7 22nd

Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization for Asia and Pacific Region. Accompanying the Minister were Deputy Director-General Dr. Kyaw Tint of the Forestry Ministry Planning and Statistics Department, Assistant Director U S'Than Daing of the Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Ministry Planning and Statistics Department, and Assistant Directors U Kyi Win and U Aung Kyi of the Agriculture Ministry Planning Department. (NLM 10/1) // Oct. 6: The Deputy Minister addressed the gathering on Oct. 4. "In Myanmar, summer paddy cultivation system has been launched for three years and as a result, paddy output had increased from 13 million tons in 1991 to 17 million tons in 1993, he said and added that it is target to produce three million more tons of paddy in 1994." (NLM 10/7) // Oct. 16: The delegation returned.

Oct. 10: A delegation led by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi left for the United States to attend Participation of Trade Ministers in the United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency 1994, in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 17-21. [Other members not named.] (NLM 10/11) // Oct. 15: Director-General Lt-Col. Tun Chun and Deputy Director U Min Swe Tun of the Customs Department left for Columbus to attend an international trade promotional seminar sponsored by the UN Conference on Trade and Development. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 24: Geography Professor U Mya Thaug of Yangon University left for Kuala Lumpur to attend the Oct. 25-29 Third International [geography] Conference, which will discuss geography of the ASEAN region. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 24: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay (Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee), left for Bangkok, Thailand to attend the Oct. 26-28 Regional Conference on ASEAN Mayors as Defenders of Children. He was accompanied by Head of Markets Department U Kyaw Shein. (NLM 10/25) // Oct. 29: He returned. (NLM 10/30)

Religious Delegations

Oct. 19: Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Labhasami, accompanied by Assistant Director U Ba Sein of the Department of Religious Affairs, left of Korea to attend an ordination and novitiation ceremony in Ulsan. (NLM 10/20)

Myanmar at the UNGA

Oct. 11: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw made an address on behalf of Myanmar before the 49th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York [full text in NLM]:

He welcomed the end of apartheid in South Africa. He then reiterated Myanmar's adherence to the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-Existence, and to the United Nations Charter. A National Committee has been formed to celebrate the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the UN.

With the end of the cold war, "we would like to call upon the international community to create a favourable environment that ensures sustainable development.... For most people...the feeling of insecurity arises more from anxieties about daily subsistence than from the dread of a cataclysmic global conflict. Underdevelopment brings about poverty, hunger, malnutrition, environmental degradation, etc., collectively leading to civil strife, ethnic conflicts and eventually, collapse of peace and security...."

The Agenda for Peace and the Agenda for Development are top priority and need equal attention and allocation of resources. "We would like to see a strengthening of the Economic and Social Council in tandem with the call for a restructuring of the Security Council to respond adequately to the new challenges of international peace and security that have emerged in the wake of the cold war...."

Peace-keeping: "It is imperative that the United Nations peace-keeping operations be carried out only with the consent and willing cooperation of the parties concerned and that all aspects of these operations strictly conform to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter...."

Disarmament: The negotiations for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test

Ban Treaty should be concluded as expeditiously as possible. The US had extended its moratorium until September 1995. "We believe that such moratorium observed also by other nuclear-weapon States would create conditions conducive to the ongoing process of CTBT negotiations." The review and extension next year of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is also important. Myanmar, as a party to the NPT, "has decided to sign the safeguards agreement and protocol with the IAEA...in the near future." Myanmar is also actively participating in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and ratification is "currently being undertaken in Myanmar."

Middle East: The May 4, 1994, Israel-Palestine Declaration of Principles is an important milestone towards lasting peace. The transfer of powers to the Palestinians "are also positive steps." "We congratulate the parties concerned for their rare courage and mutual accommodation."

The world economy has resumed a modest growth, but many problems remain. Myanmar welcomes the Secretary-General's report "An Agenda for Development" as "most timely and appropriate." Myanmar's aspirations for an equitable and non-discriminatory new world economic order have not yet been realized. It supports the call by the Group of 77, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the UNGA for "the resumption of the stalled North-South dialogue."

Trade: Myanmar welcomes the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round. But "we are most concerned with new forms of protectionism, particularly the attempts to impose social and environmental conditionalities that discriminate against developing-country exports..." It welcomes the Naples Summit Communique of the Group of Seven promising continued developmental assistance and supporting the reduction of debt for countries facing special difficulties.

Cooperatives: Myanmar welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives. "In my country, we attach great importance to the cooperatives sector as one of the main pillars of our economy and as an effective means of accelerating the socio-economic development."

Environment: Myanmar welcomes the Rio Earth Summit two years ago. "The protection and promotion of the environment has emerged as one of the most pressing issues facing the world." A regional meeting to prepare for the 1995 State of the Environment Report was held in Yangon in July. The Asian-Pacific region "is faced with all the conceivable environmental problems of the world--deforestation, desertification, climate change, etc.... In many of our countries eradication of poverty and greater equity in income distribution remain major challenges. Poverty and environmental degradation are closely related.... Achieving sustainable development will require that all countries, particularly the developed, change their consumption patterns.... We must deal with the underlying causes.... We must...alleviate poverty and provide the basic needs of food, water, clothing, shelter, energy and health care for our peoples while protecting the environment...." In Myanmar, a program to develop the border areas and national races is under way, which will reduce dependence of fuel wood, and drastically reduce shifting cultivation, thus "resulting in conservation and regeneration of forest resources in the fragile mountain ecosystem."

Sustainable management and conservation of forests "have long occupied a place of pride in Myanmar's environmental efforts." Fifty percent of Myanmar is still forest-covered, and allowable cutting of teak and hardwoods is less than 3 million cubic meters out of 33 million hectares of forests, "significantly less than that harvested by other countries in the region."

Population: Myanmar "recognizes the close link between population and sustainable development," participated in the Cairo Conference and welcomes the 20-year Programme of Action. "Our population policy focus is on voluntary birth-spacing to promote the health of the mother and child."

Human Rights: Myanmar wishes success to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. "Myanmar has all along upheld and adhered to the basic norms of human rights enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As confirmed by the Bangkok Declaration, the principles of national sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs should be respected by all nations and attempts to use human rights to encroach on the essentially domestic jurisdiction of states should be avoided. We do not mean by this that human rights can be systematically violated behind the barrier of non-interference. We wish to see the promotion of human rights through cooperation and consensus building, and not through imposition of values which we do not share. We believe that even as we seek universality of human rights, diversity in historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must never be minimized or forgotten. We are also against double standards and the temptation to use human rights as a means to achieve political ends.."

Rights to food, clothing and shelter, of peace and security, are "often neglected in the clamor for individual rights." Myanmar is "transforming itself to a multiparty democracy with a market economy," and the interests of its 45 million "must take precedence over the interests of any one individual." Unrest and instability "have no place when the nation is in the process of reconciliation and reconsolidation." Myanmar is in the critical stage of drafting a firm constitution, and cannot allow it to be impeded, or a return to the chaos and anarchy of 1988.

Myanmar "is totally against human rights abuses" and has cooperated fully with the UN Commission on Human Rights, in providing full information and admitting experts and the Special Rapporteur, Prof. Yozo Yokota, in 1992 and 1993. "In deference to the United Nations, and as a gesture of our goodwill and cooperation, we will receive him yet again this year."

Refugees: A Memorandum of Understanding signed between Myanmar and UNHCR on Nov. 5, 1993, defined the role of UNHCR in "Myanmar's border development projects." Myanmar has always sought "peaceful solutions" to issues with neighbouring states. "A case in point is the matter of transborder movement of people between Myanmar and Bangladesh across the common border." Despite efforts to exaggerate the situation, "our two countries were able to resolve the situation...resulting in the repatriation so far of nearly 70,000 returnees to their hearth and home."

Dialogue with UN Secretary-General: "At the initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Myanmar decided to establish a dialogue with the United Nations to exchange views on various issues of common concern." Thus, Under-Secretary-General Mr. Refeudin Ahmed, Executive Secretary of ESCAP, "delivered a letter and verbal message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. The Secretary-General, in his letter, expressed constructive remarks in regard to the measures taken by the Myanmar Government, and showed keen interest in the developments in Myanmar, particularly the process of national reconciliation and steps taken in drafting a firm Constitution through the National Convention." He expressed a desire to establish a dialogue "with a view to considering how the United Nations can assist in facilitating continued progress towards the resolution of these issues. Secretary-1, while acknowledging, informed the Secretary-General to the effect that a communication would be made on this subject in the near future."

At the ASEAN meeting in Bangkok, "I transmitted...initial response to the Secretary-General. Further to this response, the Myanmar Government informed the Executive Secretary of ESCAP that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar has been designated to initiate the dialogue proposed by the Secretary-General at a mutually agreeable date and, in this regard, sought his advice on the modalities of how such a dialogue could be more fruitfully carried out."

"I am happy to apprise this Assembly through you, Mr. President, that I have had two meetings with Mr. Marrack Goulding, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations earlier this month and that the dialogue between the Myanmar Government and the United Nations is now well underway."

Narcotics: Myanmar calls for concerted international cooperation against the global spread of drug abuse. Myanmar bilateral and regional anti-narcotics activities reviewed, as well as its accession to UN narcotics conventions. "As to those who are expressing doubt about our commitment to eradication of narcotics, let me ask: 'Which country in the world sacrificed the lives of over 190 soldiers with additional 350 wounded in the combat against drug traffickers in a matter of only four weeks?'"

Ethnic Minorities: There has been internal strife from various armed groups since Myanmar regained independence in 1948, resulting in lagging economic development. Since taking over State responsibilities, the State Law and Order Restoration Council "has been giving priority to the achievement of national reconciliation...." Overtures to armed groups were begun in 1989, and Armed Forces suspended military offensives since April 1992. "It is therefore most gratifying that a total of 12 groups having trust in the sincerity of the offer by the government have returned to the legal fold.... These groups are also being provided with the opportunity to participate in the national political process namely the National Convention to shape the country's future. With the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization group which returned to the legal fold on 9 October 1994, the number of armed groups back into reconciliation process is now 13. They will be integrated in the same manner as previous groups who are participating in the National Convention. To the remaining groups who still have yet to return to the legal fold, the Myanmar Government reiterates its call to them not to miss this golden opportunity but to join hands in building a peaceful, democratic and modern Union...."

National Convention: Consensus has been reached on 15 Chapter Headings and on 104 fundamental principles of the State, as well as the Chapters on State, State Structure, and the Head of State. The National Convention is now working on self-administered areas and the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary. There is no desire to delay the process. "Anyone following these deliberations closely will realize that they give lucid lie to the allegations that the deliberations in the National Convention were orchestrated by the Government." However, reaching consensus is more important than "debating who is right or wrong, or who won the debate." We will seek consensus as soon as possible.

There is consensus that the new State Structure will be a Pyidaungsu (Union) System. It "will be a genuine multiparty democratic state in order to bring the nation to modern, united, stable, peaceful and harmonious State," with safeguards against disintegration. The three branches of government will "exert reciprocal control with checks and balances among themselves." Judicial rights will be protected, and the independent judiciary will be "the ultimate guardian of fundamental rights. Freedom of thought, freedom of expression, freedom of belief, freedom of worship, freedom to seek a livelihood and freedom of organizations will be guaranteed. There will be equality of status, equality in opportunity and equality before the law...." (NLM 10/12, corrected 10/13)

Oct. 20: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and the UNGA delegation returned. (NLM 10/21)

Marionette Troupe to Japan

Oct. 6: A delegation led by Assistant Lecturer U Ye Htut of the University of Culture left for Japan to present Myanmar traditional marionette shows from Oct. 6-12 at the invitation of the University of Asian Culture in Tokyo. (NLM 10/7)

Delegations Return

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

Oct. 2: The two boys returned from the Singapore Children's Day festival. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 5: The delegation headed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba returned from Indonesia. (NLM 10/6) // Oct. 6: The delegation attended the Tourism Fair in Jakarta from Sept. 29-Oct. 3. In Singapore, on Sept. 24, the Minister called on Singapore Deputy Minister for Trade Dr. Goh Chee Wee, and told him that foreign investment in Myanmar hotels totals over US\$ 700 million; the hotels will be finished in 1998 and Myanmar expects 400,000 tourists in 1996. Later he met Director Andrew Chew of Leo Property Management Co. and the Manager of the Shangri-la Hotel. He then visited Santosa Island and met Chairman Mr. Kuok of Kuok Group. On Sept. 25 he visited a 450-room, S\$100 million, Shangri-la hotel on Santosa, before flying on to Indonesia. On Sept. 26, the Minister called on the Deputy Executive Officer of Bali District and visited the 600-room Grand Bali Beach Hotel and the Sanuar Beach Hotel. On Sept. 27, the Minister was briefed on Bali and visited Kuti Beach. On Sept. 28 he visited the Kalimantan area. On Sept. 29, he flew to Jakarta for the Tourism Fair. On Oct. 3, he returned to Singapore and met with the Singapore Tourism Promotion Board and called again on the Trade Minister. (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 8: Director-General U Myo Min of the Hotels and Tourism Directorate returned from a study of tourism in Japan; he had left on Sept. 26. (NLM 10/9)

Oct. 16: The delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin returned via Singapore from the IMF and World Bank meeting in Madrid, Spain. Two members of the delegation had returned Oct. 11. (NLM 10/17) // Oct. 17: During the meeting, the Myanmar Minister held bilateral talks with Thai Finance Minister Tarrin Nimmanahaeminda on Oct. 2, with Deputy Managing Director Prabbahar R. Narvekar, Executive Director J.E. Ismael, Director of the Central Asia Department Hubert Neiss, and Adviser of the Monetary and Exchange Affairs Department Hassanali Mehran, of the IMF. He also met with Vice President Gautam S. Kaji and Director of the East Asia and Pacific Region Department Callisto E. Madavo of the World Bank, to discuss an economic mission coming to Myanmar at the end of October. He also discussed financing of projects with OPEC Fund Director-General Dr. Seyyid Abdulai. (NLM 10/18)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Oct. 5: U Hla Aung, Director, to be Director-General, Road Administration Department, Ministry of Rail Transportation.

U Ba Than, Director, to be Director-General, Supreme Court. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 20: Lt-Col. Win Han (BC/8729), Deputy Director, Defence Services Historical Research Institute, to be Director-General, National Archives Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 10/21)

Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following as heads of service organizations:

Oct. 26: Dr. Thein Myint, Pro-Rector, University of Distance Education, to be Rector, Mandalay University, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

U Lu Ni, Pro-Rector, Mandalay University, to be Rector, Institute of Education, Mandalay, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education. (NLM 10/27)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Oct. 20: U Tun Aung as Director-General, Survey Department, Ministry of Forestry.

U Sian Kup as Director-General, Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

Lt-Col. Than Nyunt as Director-General, Internal Revenue Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

U Chit Swe as Managing Director, Myanmar Agricultural and Rural Development Bank, Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

U Myat Win as Managing Director, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.

U Khin Maung Aye as Managing Director, Myanmar Farms Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture. (NLM 10/21)

GOVERNMENT

Legal Articles

Oct. 23: Abiding by the instructions for proper administration of justice, by KMO. [Attorneys and judges who violate the rules will be punished. Recent cases.]

Deputy Minister Re-assigned

Oct. 5: SLORC Notification No. 47/94 of Oct. 5, Reassignment of Portfolio for Deputy Minister, reads:

The State Law and Order Restoration Council has reassigned Deputy Minister for Agriculture U Kyaw Tin as Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. (NLM 10/6)

Reorganization of Police

Oct. 6: The fourth coordination meeting on changing the administrative system of the People's Police Force was held at the Ministry of Home Affairs, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt.

"The Secretary-1 said work coordination meetings were held on changing the administrative system of the People's Police Force and measures taken to change its formation as well as its essence.

"After changing the morale and spirit of the members of the PPF, training courses for strengthening their moral spirit are being conducted, lectures are being given for their moral uplift, discussions sessions among the PPF members and seeing to the welfare of the families are being carried out, he said.

"However, he said, it is learnt that some members are still indulging in their old habits. This is especially so in the districts where they are collaborating with judges, lawyers and entrepreneurs and indulging in malpractices. He spoke of the need to make amends and get rid of the evil habit.

"For the PPF members to get rid of their evil habits, it is necessary for the Central and State/Division officials to thoroughly understand the measures taken by the State, to become exemplary themselves and to educate and organize the lower level to follow suit, he said.

"He said as changes are being made in the administrative system of the PPF right from the central to the lowest level steadily and under control, it is necessary for all to make concerted efforts without seeking self-interest.

"He pointed out that the Government is changing the entire pattern of the PPF with genuine goodwill. It is necessary for all members of the PPF to understand this and those taking the leadership role to set good examples to those under them at different levels and all to make efforts in this respect, he said." (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 9: Editorial: Police must be rid of evil habits. ["There have been times when the PPF members fought hand in hand with the Tatmadaw members against elements harming national security and they were duly honoured with titles and decorations. On the contrary,

there are some members who are still indulging in malpractices, especially in districts, in collusion with corrupt judges, lawyers and entrepreneurs.... Hence, the Secretary-1 said the Government is changing the entire pattern of the PPF with genuine goodwill and it is necessary for all members of the PPF to understand this and make concerted efforts.... Plan for changing the PPF system from the central down to the grassroots is in its formation as well as its essence...."]

Independence Day Celebrations

Oct. 20: Government Notification No. 22/94 of Oct. 20, Formation of the 1995, 47th Anniversary Independence Day Celebrations Central Committee, establishes a 32-member committee Chaired by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 26: The Committee met under the Chairmanship of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who said that this year's Independence Day "is scheduled to be observed with significant political essence." Various subcommittees were formed. (NLM 10/27)

MILITARY

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Sept. 30: Four members of the ABSDF armed group returned to the legal fold Sept. 12 at the Myeik [Mergui] Camp [names and details]. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 1: Three members of the Mon armed group returned to the legal fold on Aug. 30 and Sept. 21 [names and details]. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 20: Three armed group members (ABSDF and DAB) surrendered Oct. 1 and Oct. 9 [names and details]. (NLM 10/21)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Oct. 5: Sources of deforestation in tropical countries, by Ye Myint. [Review of a 1993 doctoral thesis at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, by Raymong Leslie Bryant, entitled The Politics of Forest Management in Colonial Burma.]

Oct. 10: World Food Day Feature: Water for sustenance, by Soe Naung. [Water projects in Myanmar.]

Oct. 21: Air Mandalay begins operation, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Reporter joins inaugural flight to Mandalay and back.]

Oct. 22: Welcome to this exotic land of laughter and loving kindness where treasures abound, by Min Kyaw Min. [Gems Emporium.]

Project and Commercial Inaugurations

Oct. 1: Yangon General Hospital opened a cost-sharing dental and oral health care special clinic, and a drug shop for YGH prescriptions. The clinic will be open to all from 8 to 4 daily. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 1: An electric signal and automatic signal light system, jointly built by Daewoo Company of Korea and Myanma Railways was installed at Insein Station [Yangon] and the Insein-Kyimyindine section. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 2: The K 7 million Gyogyarkwin Reservoir in Taungup Township, Rakhine State, was inaugurated by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and others. The 335 foot long dirt dam will irrigate 50 acres. (NLM 10/3)

Oct. 16: Managing Director Suphatr Tansat Hitikorn of ICI Paint (Thailand) Ltd., and Managing Director Thong Chai of Grand Pacific Inter Trade, opened the ICI Paint Shop in Myanmar. (NLM 10/17)

Oct. 22: Sony Corporation and TMW Enterprise Ltd. opened Sony Showroom 2 at 181 Sule Pagoda Road (Myawady Building). It will sell electrical appliances, with a special discount up to Nov. 7. Chairman Mr. Kong Kil Won of Sung Sil Trading Co. Ltd. of Korea presented a 21-inch Sony colour TV to Myawady Limited. (NLM 10/23)

Oct. 27: The Sagaing Division Cooperative Market Festival was

opened "with pomp and ceremony" at the Mingala Market in Monywa, was opened by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, who said "the principal aim of the Cooperative Market Festival is market development which is indispensable in market economic system." Booths are selling "traditional costumes, delicacies, personal goods, silverware, bronzeware, gems and jewellery, agricultural produce, forest products, industrial goods and many others." In honour of the Festival, 19 hotels in Monywa reduced rates by 50% and 16 restaurants by 30%. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 27: The M-3 Food Centre opened at the Bahan Sports Grounds. The "centre will serve Myanmar, Chinese, Indian and European cuisine and assorted drinks.... Those who desire privacy can dine in special mini booths and special rooms and pastries produced by foreign countries, soft drinks and various brands of liquor will be available." The Centre is a joint venture between the Sports and Education Department and the Diamond Queen Co. Ltd.; it will also sell sports equipment. "Beer Garden and Karaoke Lounge offer special rest and recreation for customers." (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 27: The Korea Merchandise Centre (KMC) of the IC Enterprise Ltd. opened at 103 Dhammazedhi Road, Kamaryut Township [Yangon]. Executive Director Mr. In Chul Chang formally opened the Centre, which will sell "foodstuff, household and personal goods, cosmetics, industrial products and machinery and equipment." (NLM 10/28)

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6. Airport Oasis Restaurant, Yangon Airport. "The finest restaurant in Yangon with extraordinary tasty cuisine."

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(NLM 10/31)
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Foreign Business Agreements

Sept. 30: The Myanma Port Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chairman Mr. Chen Tian Li of China Shipbuilding Trading Co. Ltd. (Kunming Branch) for construction of a container wharf and development of container handling facilities in Yangon. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 20: An agreement was signed by Managing Director U Thuang Sein of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and M. Bernard Mouzimann (accompanied by M. Richard Bergart) of European Gas Turbines of France for the supply of machines for the 100-megawatt power plant near the Main Power Sub-station in Yangon. It will be built in seven months and go on line in May 1995. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 30: A dinner was held to mark the signing of an agreement between the Mandalay City Development Committee and L P Holding Co., Ltd., represented by Managing Director U Thant Zin Tun, for the development of the Yadanabon Hotel (Novotel Mandalay) Complex. (NLM 10/31)

Aviation

Oct. 5: Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Notification No. 43/94 of Oct. 6, Formation of Air Mandalay Limited, establishes a joint venture "for the purpose of providing chartered domestic and international air transport services and one specified scheduled air transport service," with authorized capital of K 59 million (US\$ 10 million) divided into 10 million shares of K 5.90 (US\$ 1.00), of which 4 million are held by Myanma Airways and 6 million by Air Mandalay Holdings Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Tan Choon Wann, Lewis (Lewis Tan), 352C King George's Avenue, Singapore 0820. The joint venture agreement was signed [details of ceremony]. "The company has made arrangements to transport tourists on chartered flights and four trips a week on Yangon-Mandalay air route." (NLM 10/7) // Oct. 17: Air Mandalay's ATR 72-210QC aircraft arrived from Toulouse, France. (NLM 10/18) // Oct. 18: An inaugural dinner for Air Mandalay was held at the Strand Hotel, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and others, and addressed by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Air Mandalay has adopted the Royal Hintha as its symbol. Among speakers were Air Mandalay Director Mr. Michael Chang. Regular service will begin Nov. 1. (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 19: Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win inspected a newly arrived Fokker F-27, XY-AES, which arrived for Myanma Airways from Denmark on Oct. 18. (NLM 10/20)

Joint Ventures

Oct. 15: A joint-venture brewery opened in Mandalay, owned by Myanmar Foodstuff Industries and Myanma Yaungchiao Company Ltd. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 19: Minutes of Discussion for purchasing 1,000 Yunnan-made mini-tractors and electric appliances through setting up a joint venture enterprise were signed by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Saw Tun and Vice-Mayor of Kunming Mr. Zi Guorui. The joint venture enterprise "will produce mini tractors, electric motors, electric meters, power generators and transformers. (NLM 10/20)

Oct. 21: The cornerstone was laid for the office of a leather factory (also under construction) jointly undertaken by Elcon of

Malaysia and Shwenga Leather Products Trading Cooperative Society, at the Shwepyitha Township industrial zone. Managing Director Mr. Michael Schrelber of Elcon was present. Myanmar Elcon Gold Ltd. was set up with the contribution of materials valued at US\$ 3 million by Elcon, and the factory will cost K 18 million and provide jobs for 230 Myanmar nationals. (NLM 10/22)

Survivors' Pensions Increased

Oct. 1: Ministry of Finance and Revenue Notification No. 122/94 of Oct. 1, 1994, amends family pensions. Where spouses of employees dying before retirement used to receive half-pension for 15 years, they will now receive three-quarter pension for life. Where spouses of employees dying after retirement used to receive half-pension for 15 years, they will now receive three-quarter pension for life. Where lump-sum pensions have been drawn, the spouse will enjoy three-fourths of the remainder as family pension. (NLM 10/2)

Agriculture

Oct. 2: The Myanma Plantation Crops Enterprise distributed 10 million rubber seeds, imported from Thailand, in Hpa-an, Thaton, Mawlamyine, and Zayatkwin townships. A first batch of 10 million seeds was distributed Sept. 15 in Myeik and Dawei regions. (NLM 10/3)

Oct. 20: Speaking at the second quarterly work coordination meeting of the agricultural sector, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung outlined current goals:

Paddy: The target was fixed for cultivating paddy on 16 million acres, including 12 million of monsoon paddy, to produce 900 million baskets. Cultivation fell short by 80,000 acres, so summer paddy is to be cultivated on 4.334 million acres to meet the paddy production target.

Beans and pulses: target is five million acres.

Cotton: to be cultivated on 700,000 acres, with production of over 20 million viss; of the target, cotton has been cultivated on 488,000 acres and over 2.3 million viss bought.

Sugarcane: has been grown on 130,000 acres, and 645,000 tons of cane will be bought and distributed to sugar mills beginning Oct. 22, with 30,000 tons of sugar to be exported.

Jute: cultivated on over 90,000 acres, with 13.185 million viss bought; 10,000 tons will be exported.

Rubber: planted on 227,000 acres; by the year 2000 this will be expanded to 700,000 acres.

Oil-palm: acreage to be extended to 150,000 acres.

(NLM 10/21)

Oct. 25: Speaking to officials of the Agriculture Mechanization Department, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung said that the agriculture sector provides 40% of Myanmar's Gross National Product, and earns 40 per cent of foreign exchange. The country will regain its previous annual export record of 3.4 million tons of rice when annual production reaches one billion baskets annually. This year, 16 million acres will be put under monsoon and summer rice to produce 900 million baskets. (NLM 10/26)

Heavy Industries

Oct. 7: Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen. Tin Tun inspected No. 1 Factory of the Myanma Heavy Industries, and "inspected production of heavy trucks, moulding and casting sector and production of electric bulbs and fluorescent lamps." Then they were given a tour of Daewoo Electronics Myanmar Co. Ltd.'s factory by Managing Director Mr. S.R. Chung. Finally, they observed "TV manufacturing sector, PCB sector, injection moulding sector, production of electronic components for export" at a factory of Doopung Industries Co. Ltd. (NLM 10/8)

Banking News

Oct. 8: The Yoma Bank Ltd. celebrated its issuance of the Yoma Card; it is the second of three banks, which were authorized to issue

credit cards, to do so. Issuance of the Yoma Card "entails a minimum balance of K 50,000 in the current account, annual fee of K 2,000 and debit of the current account with the total amount of purchases and one per cent commission on the total amount of purchases and guarantees to repay any amount overdrawn together with interest plus any other charges imposed by the bank." (NLM 10/9)

Oct. 18: The Asia Yangon International Bank Ltd. opened, in the presence of Governor U Kyi Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and of AYI Managing Director Daw Su Su Than and others. (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 18: The Bank of Myanmar on Oct. 18 issued a licence to the Bank of Commerce (M) Berhad of Malaysia, to open a representative office in Yangon; such licences have been issued to 13 foreign banks from Singapore (6), Thailand (4), Malaysia (2), and Indonesia (1). (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 24: The Central Bank of Myanmar issued licenses to open representative offices in Yangon to Global Commercial Bank of Cambodia, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited of Hong Kong, and Bangkok Bank Limited of Thailand. (NLM 10/25)

Privatisation

Oct. 10: A coordinating meeting of top officials on privatisation measures was held, and addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. He quoted Gen. Than Shwe as saying: "Some of the State-owned economic enterprises are to be transferred to the private sector gradually in phases according to correct methods. Government organizations are to extend a helping hand to nationalities private entrepreneurs to enable them to do business competently. It is to be cautioned however, that a group of people should not be allowed to take the lion's share in distribution of wealth in the economy..."

The Secretary-1 "said the selecting of economic undertakings which ought to be transferred to the private sectors should be as follows:--

-- the economic enterprises and branches which are under a big economic organization and which are engaged in economic undertakings in various places;

-- economic enterprises and branches of the organizations which are spread out and are difficult to manage and control and are ineffective;

-- the undertakings of the organizations which cannot operate at full capacity and those which are operating with less capacity;

-- the enterprises and branches which need more modern techniques and machinery;

-- the enterprises and branches which are to be scrutinized for the type and kinds of goods produced by the; and

-- the enterprises and branches which cannot fully make use of the inputs effectively."

He went on to say that the State will continue to own economic enterprises vital for security and administration, or to the State, and those being operated under the policy of the State.

In transferring State-owned economic enterprises to the private sector, "the following methods should be applied:--

-- the economic enterprises which the cooperative societies can take the responsibilities should be transferred to the cooperative societies;

-- inviting shares from the public and forming joint venture enterprises;

-- granting permission for the government and private entrepreneurs in the country to form joint ventures;

-- granting permission for the government and foreign private entrepreneurs to form joint ventures;

-- to privatise small-scale economic enterprises and give them appropriate management."

Enterprises and factories should be divided into major, medium, and small. Small enterprises and factories should be privatised as soon as possible; the question of larger ones should be pondered over and weighed.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel then "clarified points on formation of Privatisation Committee and subcommittees and the tasks and responsibilities of the committee and subcommittees. "He said in transferring the State-owned economic enterprises to the private sector, the pattern of mills, factories and work establishments should not be changed to new ones but only to expand the tasks and raising the level." (NLM 10/11)

Gems Emporium

Oct. 17: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe previewed the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium at its Hall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. So did Madame Than Shwe and the wives of SLORC members, including Daw Mya Mya San (wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye), Daw Tin Tin Sein (wife of Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun), Dr. Daw Khin Win Shwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt), and Daw Khin Than Nwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo). (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 18: Diplomats and other previewed the Emporium. Deputy Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win said that 607 lots of gems, 611 lots of jade, and 129 lots of pearls, with a reserve price of K 127,035,172 or US\$ 21,531,385, would be auctioned. In addition, 205 gems and jade lots, and 9,223 pieces of jewellery and jade figurines, will be sold at fixed prices, with a total value of K 24,948,515 or US\$ 4,228,562. 872 (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 21: 369 gems merchants of 152 companies from 15 countries inspected gem lots at the Emporium. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 22: 54 lots of jade were sold for US\$ 902,663; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 229,096. 396 merchants from 168 companies in 16 countries are attending. (NLM 10/23)

Oct. 23: 72 lots of jade were sold for US\$ 944,643; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 62,057. 415 merchants from 178 companies in 16 countries and attending. Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min, the Patron of the Emporium, visited. (NLM 10/24)

Oct. 24: Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin visited the Emporium. 83 lots of jade were sold for US\$ 2,228,036; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 46,799. 420 merchants from 178 countries in 16 countries are attending. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: Seven jade lots were sold for US\$ 93,124. Over the four days 216 lots of jade were sold for a total of US\$ 4,168,466. Jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 28,054. 453 merchants from 186 companies in 17 countries are participating. (NLM 10/26)

Oct. 26: 35 lots of pearls were sold for US\$ 286,101; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 39,710. 471 merchants from 196 companies in 19 countries are participating. (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 27: 30 lots of gems were sold for US\$ 464,782; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 62,058. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: 27 lots of gems were sold for US\$ 214,232; jewellery and jade figurines were sold for US\$ 445,147. (NLM 10/29)

Exports and Imports

Oct. 17: A 100-megawatt gas turbine power generator, made by GEC Alsthom of France, arrived on the mv Edel Sif for installation at the Ahlon Power Station. It is the first of three; the others are expected soon. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 27: Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min inspected the loading of 7,000 tons of refined copper powder being loaded on the mv Mandalay, to be exported to Japan. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: Six tippers imported from Yokohama, Japan arrived at Sule Port on the mv Mawlamyine, and will be sent to the reservoir projects at Zawgyi, Tabuhla (Okkan), Ngamoeyeik, Chaunggauk, and Kindat. (NLM 10/29)

Visit Myanmar Year 1996

Oct. 17: Addressing the fourth 1994 meeting of the Tourism Development Management Committee, Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen.

Khin Nyunt called for accelerated preparations for Visit Myanmar Year 1996. "He noted the tourists will be visiting Myanmar to study historical trend of Myanmar and its culture, to enjoy Myanmar's natural conditions. They will include those who are fond of adventure, those of the eastern nations going on pilgrimage and those who are keen to study cultural traditions and nature of national races in Myanmar, he added.... He declared that there is much difference between culture, religion, traditions and customs of Myanmar people and culture of Western nations. He advised all to avoid the Western way of attracting tourists and instead to attract them with genuine cultural traits of Myanmar people and topographical conditions.... [He] stressed the need to ensure greater private sector involvement.

"He then went into detail on transport, telephone services, foreign exchange, allround development of Mandalay, Bagan and its ancient pagodas and museum, ancient Innwa and Innwa Museum, rebuilding and renovation of Hanthawady Palace, keeping the Bagan Lacquerware Training School and Museum grand, establishment of new villages of nationalities, development of Indawgyi and the gorges region in Kachin State and establishment of resorts, development of Hlawga Park and making Yangon possess characteristics of a city."

Later, he added that "Myanmar night club...should be replete with entertainment programmes of different cultural aspect such as Myanma traditional dance, Myanmar marionette shows, Myanma chinlon etc.

"He ordered that a nationalities village should be established in order that culture, traditions and customs of national races residing in Myanmar might be studied at a single location...." (NLM 10/18)17

Hotel Proposals Regulated

Oct. 25 [full text]: "Any organizations or entrepreneurs who would like to operate hotels, motels, inns or guest houses will have to formally present their proposals to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism to get permission in accordance with Myanmar Naing-Ngan Hotels and Tourism Law, which was enacted on 23 October 1993. Licenses have already been issued to 177 private hotels and motels etc. till end of September. Arrangements are being made for ensuring satisfaction to entrepreneurs in issuing permissions. Action will be taken against those who do not abide by the rules." (NLM 10/26)

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:			
October 1	112.33	113.98	113.98
October 15	117.44	118.86	114.45
October 30	119.09	120.32	116.34

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Oct. 9: The Honourable Well-wishers, by Kyaw Soe Myint. [List of forty contributors to the Myanmar team at the XII Asian Games, with gifts totalling US\$ 72,250, K 2,060,000, and sports goods worth US\$ 16,687.]

Myanmar Teams and Delegations

Oct. 4: Myanmar veteran athletes has won 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal at the VIII Athletics Meet for Veteran Athletes in Jakarta, beginning Oct. 2. (NLM 10/5) // Oct. 7: The team returned, with 8 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze medals. Than Than Htay won gold in women's 100-metres, 200 metres, and 100 metres hurdle (35-39). Kawi Ja won gold in women's 800 and 1,500 meters and silver in women's 400-metres (35-39). Mar Mar Min took gold in women's 10,000 metres, and silver in 5,000 metres (35-39). Yin Nuy won gold in women's high-jump (45-49), silver in broad-jump, and bronze in triple-jump. (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 29: A judo team left for Japan for joint training before participating in the Jiguro Kano Cup International Judo Tournament in Chiba from Nov. 25-27. It includes Judo Federation Vice-President U Kyaw Thura (manager), Federation Secretary U Tin Aung Khaing (instructor), and members Phone Kyaw (60 kilos), Kyaw Nyunt (70 kilos), Zaw Lwin (76 kilos), and Maung Maung Hsan (86 kilos). (NLM 10/30)

Foreign Teams and Delegations

Oct. 25: Golf coach Mr. J. Mol of the Netherlands arrived to coach "new generation of golfers" under the joint sponsorship of the Myanmar Golf Federation and Honorary Netherlands Consul Mr. H.J. Stevens, Chairman of the Steven Paper and Board [Co.]. The courses will begin Oct. 29 at the Thuwunna Golf Training Course. (NLM 10/26) // Oct. 29: The course began, attended by "youths under age 12 and within 13 and 15, their parents and selected golfers." (NLM 10/30)

XII Asian Games

Sept. 30: Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung left for the XII Asiad (Asian Games) in Hiroshima, and to attend the 13th General Meeting of the Asia Olympic Council. He was accompanied by General Secretary U Kyaw Mra of the Olympic Committee. A sports contingent led by Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Committee Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen. Than Tun also left for Hiroshima. With him were athletes in weightlifting, international rowing, boxing, shooting, swimming, and track and field. (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 4: Mi Mi placed sixth in the 54 kilo weightlifting. Myanmar and Qatar tied 2-2 in soccer on Oct. 3. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 5: Myanmar was defeated by UAE, 2-0, in soccer. Win Win Maw took bronze in women's 70-kilo weightlifting; although clean and jerk of 127.5 kilos broke a world record, China's Tang Weifang topped it with 128 kilos. Khin Thanda Aye was forth in 59-kilo weightlifting, and San Hla Lay outpointed Hsu Jen-Mao of Taiwan in 51-kilo boxing. Sao Ohn Hseng was eighth in men's 100-metre breaststroke. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 6: Phyu Phyu Thi placed fifth in 83-kilo weightlifting; in yachting, Tun Tun Kyaw and Min Htet came in fourth in International Enterprise Class, and Sithu Moe Myint came in seventh in the International Optimist Class. (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 7: Kyaw Min lost in 57-kilo boxing. Six more track-and-field athletes left for the games: Shwe Aung, Thein Win, Aye Lwin, Khin Khin Htwe, Pa Pa, and San San Seint. (NLM 10/10)

Oct. 11: In a list of national standings, Myanmar is in the bottom category (with Macao, Pakistan, and Tajikistan), having won only one bronze medal. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 12: Khin Khin Htwe placed fifth in the women's 3000-metre race, with a time of 9:04.56, breaking the Myanmar record of 9:07.00. In the men's 50-metre rifle event, Kyaw Lwin Oo placed 10th with 590 points; in women's 25-metre pistols, Khon Soe Thaik placed 14th, Khine Khine Saw 22nd, and Su Su Aung 24th; the Myanmar team came in 7th. In International Enterprise Class yachting, Min Min Htet and Tun Tun Kyaw placed 5th; in International Optimist Class, Sithu Moe Myint came in 6th. (NLM 10/13)

Oct. 16: Khin Khin Htwe took bronze in women's 1,500 metres. (NLM 10/17)

Oct. 17: She had a time of 4.18. Myanmar's final standing was two bronze medals, tying it with Brunei, Nepal, and Tajikistan for last place among the 33 participants. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 19: The President of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, and the 29-member sports contingent headed by Olympic Committee Vice-President Vice-Adjutant-General Brig. Gen. Than Tun, returned from the Games. (NLM 10/20)

HEALTH

Health Articles

Oct. 7: Feasible and effective plan of actions against plague, by Dr. Saw Myint. [Seventeen point action plan to guard against plague being carried out by the National Health Committee.]

Oct. 20: In Myanmar, AIDS is a National Concern, (Joint contribution of UNICEF and NLM). [General discussion of AIDS, and Myanmar programs against it. "Because only 17 percent of the population has access to contraceptives, sexually active men and women are at risk, particularly if they have a number of different sexual partners over time." Survey of anti-AIDS activities of WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNDCP, UNFPA, and other agencies.]

Protection against Plague

[During the month, there were numerous news items about local plague prevention and sanitation activities, especially in the Yangon area.]

Oct. 1: The National Health Committee met under the Chairmanship of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt to "discuss prevention of the spread of plague that has broken out in a neighbouring country." The plan has three facets: prevention, deterrent measures, and preparation. Health checks will be carried out at ports of entry by Union Solidarity and Development Association and others. Meanwhile, rodent control measures in downtown Yangon were inspected. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 2: The following was published in the NLM:

Health Warning

* There is an outbreak of plague in a neighbouring country and can spread here any time.

* In order to curb that, preventive and precautionary measures are to be taken in coordination between responsible authorities in the Ministry of Health and related ministries.

* Health checks of traffic are essential at border points and ports of entry.

* Systematic rat eradication and cleaning of places which may harbour the parasite should be undertaken by the development departments together with the public.

* All civic-minded and the public are urged to take preventive measures against the deadly plague as a national undertaking.

National Health Committee

(NLM 10/2 and later)

Oct. 2: The Myanma Maternal and Child Welfare Association members are "to organize their families to clean the environs, see that garbage and leftover food are disposed of systematically and that rodents are eliminated. The Myanma Medical Association is to take part in plague preventive measures. In Thingangyun Township, Yangon, 500 volunteers, including members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, cleared weeds and dredged drains "to prevent plague outbreak." (NLM 10/3)

Oct. 5: The Myanmar Supervisory Committee for Prevention of Plague, headed by Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin, held a coordination meeting. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 12: Professor U Maung Maung Win, Dr. Saw Myint, Dr. Hla Naing, Dr. Aung Mon, and Dr. Ye Myint will lecture on plague at the Myanmar Medical Association Auditorium on Oct. 15. (NLM 10/13)

AIDS Courses

Oct. 10: A four-day workshop on the Treatment of AIDS, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Health and the French non-governmental organization Medicins du Monde, opened.

Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt spoke, noting that in Myanmar AIDS surveys were begun in 1985; the first HIV positive person was found in 1988; and projects have since been implemented in collaboration with WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, and other international organizations. "He said AIDS control and health education were extensively carried out, adding that different means of mass media are being used for the purpose. The use of the condom is also encouraged to prevent the spread of AIDS. Public education is being undertaken in conformity with the religion and culture. Though the use of condom is encouraged in specific cases, he said, emphasis is placed on loyalty toward each other's better half and avoidance of dangerous behaviour. In the meantime, he said, VD control programmes are being improved."

He cited the help of the Medicins du Monde at centres providing medical treatment to drug addicts, and thanked them for their assistance.

"However, he said, matters concerning AIDS are being exaggerated sometimes for political purposes. Being an enormous problem, there may unavoidably be difficulties in seeking solutions, he said. But some foreign publications exaggerated the matter and criticized Myanmar's fight against AIDS. It is regrettable, he said. Such criticism made at the expense of volunteers will get nowhere, he said. Instead of criticizing, Medicins du Monde is lending a helping hand, he said...." (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 28: An AIDS Prevention and Control Course, jointly sponsored by UNICEF and the Myanmar Red Cross Society, concluded with the presentation of certificates to 48 trainees. (NLM 10/29)

Compulsory Medical Service

Oct. 11 [full text]: "All doctors must enter compulsory public service. The Ministry of Health today issued Notification No 3/94 regarding employment of all doctors as service personnel. The notification says that in order to accelerate health care services of the Union of Myanmar, doctors turned out yearly by the Institutes of Medicine are to be appointed as State service personnel after their internship. According to the notification, beginning 1994 all doctors who graduate every year from the Institutes of Medicine are to be appointed as State service personnel after their internship for at least three years. Their employment abroad will be taken into consideration only after completion of the three-year service. The notification was signed by Minister for Health Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt." (NLM 10/12)

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Oct. 2,9,16,23,30: The Cat Family -- Small Cats, by Col. Hla Aung (Retd). [Continuation of former series. (2) Lynx. (3) Caracal. (4) Serval and Black-footed Cat. (5) Leopard Cat and Jungle Cat. (6) Geoffroy's Cat and Ocelot.]

Oct. 3: Neem Trees and jingling bells of the dry zone, by Mya Than San. [Collecting cultural documentary material for the Myawady TV Programme. (1) The Tham Buddhay Pagoda built in 1301 {ME} by the Rev. Mohnyinn Sayadaw, between Sagaing and Monywa, and now 55 years old.]

Oct. 9: 9 October--World Post Day, by Mra Hnin. [Background on world postal systems and UPU.]

Oct. 11-12: Integrating People and Nature for Sustainable Future, Maung Thabawa. [Ecotourism, otherwise known as nature tourism; combining tourism and conservation. Listing of potential ecotourist sites: Alaungdaw-Katthapa National Park; Popa Mountain Park; Shwesettaw Wildlife Sanctuary; Inlay water-birds sanctuary; Lampi Marine Park; Natmataung; Kyaukpantaung; Tamanthi Wildlife

Sanctuary; Northern Kachin State.]

Oct. 19: Thadingyut, the month of Light Festival, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [History of the light festival.]

Oct. 30: Chin Traditional Khuado Festival, by GHT Sawm Pau (Kalay College). [Chin annual New Year's festival, after the harvest, briefly described.] [A companion news item notes the celebration of the Khuado Festival on Oct. 29 at Yangon University.]

Computers in Schools

Sept. 30: Speaking at a computer demonstration sponsored by the Defence Services Computer Department and GeoComp Myanmar, Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen. Tin Oo said "that as there is extensive and effective use of computers now, computer application will become a compulsory subject for the students in near future.... Out of the 11 Tatmadaw high schools, he said, only Mingaladon BEHS 2 has four computers--two presented by parents and wellwishers and another two installed by Yangon Command. He urged the command commanders concerned to arrange for installation of computers at the remaining 10 schools. Ninety-eight percent of computers being used in Myanmar are IBM compatible, he said...." (NLM 10/1)

Publications

Oct. 6: Myanmar Business and Economic Review, published bimonthly by the Ministry of Trade, is now available in Yangon at US\$ 5.00 per copy; readers can save up to 25% by subscribing. Suggestions, subscriptions, etc., should be addressed to Board of Editors, Myanmar Business and Economic Review, Business Advisory Group, No. 24-25, Front Wing, Ground Floor, Bogyoke Aung San Market, Yangon. Telephone: 78206. [photo of October/November issue] (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 7: Myanmar launched an international magazine, Myanmar This Month, providing information for businessmen and tourism, and "endorsed" by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. It is published by MacComm PR Advertising Pte. Ltd. [photo of cover] (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 18: Pyinsa Rupa, the inflight magazine of Myanmar Airways International, celebrated its first anniversary with Volume 1, No. 2, dated August 1994. Published biannually in 30,000 complimentary copies, it is due to become a quarterly. [photo of cover]. (NLM 10/19)

Oct. 20: Golden Myanmar. Business-Tourism. Vol. 1, No. 4, now on sale. Contents includes:

- The Crown of Mogok on the gold Lion Throne;
- Economic changes and business opportunities in Myanmar;
- More hotel rooms to be ready for Visit Myanmar Year 1996;
- The land of leg-rowers, floating markets and colourful national races;
- Myanmar character and customs.

Golden Myanmar Magazine, #140 (G/F), Bogalayzay Street, Yangon 11161. Tel: 01-97310. (Advertisement, NLM 10/20)

Oct. 21: An agreement was signed between the Stationery, Printing and Photographic Stores Trading of the Ministry of Trade and Singapore Press Holding Ltd. providing for the distribution of Business Times, published in Singapore, in Myanmar. "Business Times is the first ever foreign newspaper to be circulated in Myanmar." Present were Singapore Charge d'Affaires Thomas Ng Boon Ho, and Circulation and Marketing Department Manager Mr. Foo Kai Kwon and official in charge of circulation Mr. Paul Chew Chee Kenog of Singapore Press Holding Ltd. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 27: The October issue of Hotel & Travel International Tourism Magazine features an article on Visit Myanmar 1996. [photo of cover] (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 28: Myawady Press has published a 1995 calendar "to hail Visit Myanmar Year 1996," entitled "Myanma Majestic Landscapes," with pictures of the Ananda Temple at Bagan, the Shwedagon Pagoda, Mount Popa, the Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda, etc. The 15x20 inch calendar costs K 50. (NLM 10/28)

Universities

Oct. 9: The Institute of Computer Science and Technology held its first Convocation, with Rector Dr. Kyaw Thein conferring the BSc (Computer Science) on 24 students; the BSc (Computer Technology) on 8; and a Diploma in Computer Science on 55. (NLM 10/9)

Cultural Artistes Warned

Oct. 9: Speaking to Yangon artistes who will participate in the Second Myanma Traditional Performing Arts Competitions, Yangon LORC Chairman Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt "elaborated on the objectives of the competitions and different nature of Myanmar Performing arts compared to western culture. He also cited important role of music in Myanmar's struggle for independence. He said Myanmar music is the 'sword' or weapon as well as the 'strength' for those with nationalist fervour.... [He] then cited decadent culture perpetrated by money-oriented persons. He said warnings have to be issued to those organizing shows and entertainment programmes at restaurants. They are re-introducing classical songs of songs of yester-years in disregard of the originals and their composers, he added. It has to be concluded that they fail to comply with the warning because they are being instigated, he said...." (NLM 10/10)

Patriotic Video Features

Oct. 14: Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant met with the Video Censor Board and urged them to remedy weaknesses. "Weakness, he stated, may occur in hastily scrutinizing a large number of tapes, producers are distributing many of them as the business is beneficial to them, adding video features have an enormous influence upon the public. The Board, he pointed out, should carefully scrutinize not to permit tapes likely to have adverse effect over patriotism and which are not in line with Myanmar culture, to be released."

Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein then said that "Quality films which could give audience the correct knowledge will be awarded and action will be taken against producers who do not abide by the existing scrutiny principles, he said and stressed the need for publishing principles to guide producers. National culture, he pointed out, has been badly damaged due to easy availability of censorless foreign video features at rental shops all over the country and added that pirating and distributing foreign films, without any rights granted by the respective companies, should be prohibited in accordance with international rules which are to be abided by all." (NLM 10/15)

Entertainers Warned

Oct. 18: Yangon Division LORC Chairman Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt met with "personnel of Motion Picture and Music Asiayone, artistes, owners of restaurants and Karaoke halls and vocalists in Yangon Division," and "explained to them that outlandish way of dressing and decadent behaviour in video features and Karaoke should not harm traditions and culture here." He "criticized certain video features for their cheap presentation" and called on producers "to pay attention to vitalizing patriotism and encouraging self-reliance. He then cited disorderly and ugly nature of some restaurants and Karaoke halls. He warned of alien decadent culture. He reminded that Karaoke is meant for singing but not behind the curtains. He asked owners of restaurants and halls to see that Myanmar women are not made to suffer outrage of modesty." (NLM 10/19)

Performing Arts Competitions

Oct. 20: The Second Myanma Traditional Performing Arts Competitions opened, and was addressed by its Patron, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who said "It is inborn duty of every patriotic citizen to preserve cultural heritage and prevent it from loss of national style." He reviewed 2,000 years of Myanmar cultural

history, beginning with Tagaung, Visnu, Hanlin and Srikhestra of the Pyus, Thuwunna Bummi of the Mons, and Vesali of the Rakhines. He noted examples of early Pyu culture (including "the bronze statues of Pyu era which were carved to portray people playing short-drum, flute and cymbals...." He said that "economically...endeavours are being made to strengthen economic bases of the State on self-reliance basis instead of accepting foreign influence and assistance. He noted now is the time when Myanmar entrepreneurs have to safeguard their own national races keeping at heart national and people's interests.... He warned of existence of some foreign interferences and enticements in certain economic fields at a time when a new system is taking shape.... It is essential to guard against deterioration of Myanmar cultural traditions and collapse of character among the youths following penetration of alien culture, he cautioned. Youths should be well aware of the danger that Myanmar culture as well as Myanmar race will become extinct if they think highly of current material development of foreign nations and think lowly of own national cause...."

He discussed additions to the competitions. In singing, in addition to Maha Gita, religious songs ("to enable people to get well acquainted with Buddha's teachings") and "systematically selected" modern songs. In musical instruments, piano and violin are added this year. Moreover, "Myanmar hsaingwaing, ozi and dhobat competitions have been added to encourage group competitions." He called on the judges "to strictly observe the rules and points prescribed, while refraining from words and deeds that will arouse suspicions."

The competitions opened at various venues. (NLM 10/21)

Oct. 21: The competitions continued. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 22: The competitions continued. The Organizing Leading Committee under the Chairmanship of No. 11 Light Infantry Division Commander Brig-Gen. Khin Maung met. (NLM 10/23)

Oct. 23: The competitions continued. (NLM 10/24)

Oct. 24: The competitions continued. (NLM 10/25)

Oct. 25: The competitions continued. (NLM 10/26)

Oct. 26: Patron SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, accompanied by other Patrons including Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, observed the singing and dancing competitions. (NLM 10/27)

Oct. 27: The competitions were observed by their Patron, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 10/28)

Oct. 28: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt again visited the competitions. (NLM 10/29)

Oct. 29: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt again observed the competitions. (NLM 10/30)

Oct. 30: The competitions concluded, in the presence of Patrons Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt and Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 10/31)

Donations to Shwedagon Pagoda

Oct. 25: "Over 130 million kyats have been received as donations for Shwedagon Pagoda renovation, installation of lifts and offering Shwethingan as of today." (NLM 10/26)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [Cont. (11-15) The Important Myanma Rail Transportation Sector. (i) The Ministry of Rail Transportation has 641 officers and 33,103 staff (Aug. 18, 1993). The Transport Planning Department issued licences as follows in 1991/92, 1992/93, and 1993/94

Motor vehicles:	56,493	57,357	61,228
River craft:	3,166	3,172	3,661
River craft (under			

20 HP)	13,587	16,877	22,147
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The Central Movement Coordination Committee moved freight (million tons):

	6.26	7.48	8.15
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The State/Division Movement Coordination Committees moved freight (million tons):

	2.34	3.08	2.76
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The World Bank commissioned N.D. Lea International Ltd. (Canada) Consultants to assess Myanma transport services; the study cost UNDP US\$ 2.131 million and the Myanmar Government K 5.08 million.

New rail lines commissioned:

June 1, 1991	17.01 mile	Circular Mandalay line
Dec. 8, 1992	62.57 mile	Tada-U-Myingyan line
Mar. 2, 1993	101.92 mile	Aungban-Loikaw line
July 31, 1993	8.43 mile	Togyauhgale-Okpo line
Oct. 31, 1993	11.53 mile	Chaung-U-Magyibok line
Dec. 12, 1993		Pakokku-Minywa line

Under construction:

153.62 mile	Shwe-Nyaung-Namhsan line
207.41 mile	Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay line
94.96 mile	Yay-Dawei line.

Six rail overpasses were built.

[(ii) Operations of Myanma Railways were as follows in 1991-92, 1992-93, and 1993-94 (in millions):

Passengers:	58.6;	58.511;	58.628.
Passenger/Miles:	2826.73;	3059.825;	3152.630.
Freight tonnage:	2.39;	3.132;	3.300.
Freight ton/Miles:	395.90;	522.434;	576.685.

In March of fiscal 1993/94, Myanma Railways operated: 24 express trains, 30 mail trains, 76 mixed trains, 6 parcel trains, 46 rail cars, 104 Yangon circular trains, 6 Mandalay circular trains, and 23 goods trains. {Many other rail statistics}

[(iii) Road Transport operates city transportation services in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Patheingyi and elsewhere. In the three years from 1991-92 to 1993-94 it spent US\$ 3.64 million to buy 215 passenger transport vehicles and 150 trucks. It operates 25 haulage branches. In 1993-94 the haulage fleet was increased with 150 Dong Feng trucks from China at a price of US\$ 1.76 million. 1,600 trucks are on the road each day. For passenger service, 200 Daewoo buses and 15 Dong Feng buses were bought for US\$ 1.9 million. Over 500 buses are in commuter service each day. 170 taxis are operated in Yangon City. Training statistics.

[The Important Transport Sector: (i) Waterways and aviation. (ii) Waterways and aviation. Water: As of March 31, 1994, 448 "craft without engines" were transporting freight on 65 routes, including 8 new ones. Establishment of express and market-boat services. An agreement with Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation was signed June 4, 1993, for the purchase for US\$ 30 million of 14 mechanically propelled craft and 28 cargo barges. Myanmar Five Star Line data for 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, and 1993-94 (provisional-actual) are as follows:

Freight (tons)	705,357	785,695	813,164	771,483
Passengers	49,875	46,432	53,619	69,423
Income (million kyats)	309.14	282.95	354.96	407.74

Aviation: Figures for 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1992-93 are as follows:

Regular flights	32,257	36,385	40,404	42,297	45,045
Occasional flights	3,803	3,415	3,925	3,573	3,874
Revenue (million kyats)	4.173	38.571	44.127	92.006	81.235

Oct. 2: -- Prosperity comes to Tada Village, by Ah-htet Minhla

Nyunt Aung. [Visit to village in Kyauktan Township.]

-- A simple briquette-making machine, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Low-tech design for briquettes from coal dust.]

-- Triple cropping of paddy in Shwebo, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Irrigation in action.]

-- Development of Agriculture, by Ma Lay (Agriculture). [Need to "improve per-acre yields within a short time."]

-- Forests to be created to protect the reservoir, by Tin Win Shwe (Shwe Pengon). [In Wetlet Township.]

-- Yan Reservoir being built on self-reliance basis, by Yaw Pinni (Saw). [K 1.4 million project in Saw Township, Magway Division.]

Oct. 9: -- Growing paddy throughout the whole year, by Ah-htet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Visit to model paddy project in Yindaikkwin Village, Taikkyi Township {Yangon}. The original paddy plan for 1992-93 was 12.26 million acres and 660 million baskets; this was revised upwards in Aug. 1992, to 12.68 million acres and 700 million baskets; actual production was 711 million baskets. In 1993-94, 16 million acres were planted (12 million monsoon paddy, 4 million summer paddy) and production was over 800 million baskets. The target for 1994-95 is 900 million baskets.]

-- Pale and Yinmarbin Springs and the importance of their sources, by Aung Than (Forestry). [Underground water.]

-- Mazin Industrial Producers Cooperative Society meeting with success, by Kayan Soe Myint. [Producers coop in Bago, founded in 1964, that makes wooden articles.]

-- Let us use paddy husk stoves and save forests, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Low-tech ways to save on firewood.]

-- Firewood plantations: goodwill of Forest Department, by Sagawa. [Creation of village firewood plantations.]

-- Welcoming the waters of Chindwin River, by Tin Win (Yesagyio). [Paygon Creek sluice gate helped Yesagyio Township farmers having difficulties because of little rain and low river levels in the Chindwin and Ayeyarwady Rivers this year. "In fact, the Paygon Irrigation Canal is of historical significance and was dug in ancient times. This canal is linked to the ancient Yesagyio-Pakhangyi history. Yesagyio, during the Bagan period, was known as Tu-myaung-ywa. It has a history of digging many irrigation canals for cultivation purposes. Some of the ancient canals in Yesagyio are--Aung Swa, Dan-bin, Meinmathay, Thantada, Thanbaya, Kyaysi, Sithu, Chaungpetlet, Hsintada, Pyinmakyi, Ngapyi and Kyaw Swa Canals. The present Paygon canal was known as Aung Swa canal in ancient times. In 96 ME, the two sons of King Theinkhwinmin, Sithu and Kyaw Swa came to Yesagyio-Pakhan region during the Bagan period. During their their time, agriculture was carried out extensively. There is historic evidence that irrigation ditches were dug to grow crops. There still exist many ancient irrigation canals in the area. In 1976, an agriculture expert from Japan, Mrs. Saito, arrived in Yesagyio together with Sayagyi U Maung Maung Tin (MA) to study ancient irrigation canals.... She said the building of irrigation canals at deltaic region at the confluence of Chindwin and Ayeyarwady at Yesagyio is quite similar to 'Deltic Irrigation'. The system of irrigating the land by harnessing water from a lower level to higher ground by storing up water was practised during the ancient times in the country. It is encouraging to note that these rare and ancient canals in Yesagyio Township which have become nearly extinct are now being rebuilt and renovated under the projects drawn up by the State...."]

Oct. 16: -- Tranquil and beautiful Dalla town, by Ah-htet Minhla Nyung Aung. [Roads and other transport in Dalla.]

-- Right variety gives best yield, by Ko Ko Oo. [Of paddy.]

-- Farm machinery display in Ayeyarwady Division, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Tour through the Division; exhibition in Pathein.]

-- People of Natmauk are now jubilant, by Magway Hla Myint. [Because of new telephone exchange.]

-- Chaunggauk Dam which will assist crop yield, by Kyaw Sint (Pyawbwe). [New dam in Pyawbwe Township {Mandalay}.]

-- The Minhla Lake, by Tin Aung. [Artificial irrigation lake in Mandalay Division.]

Oct. 23,30: -- Factories and the GEC, by Ah-htet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [(1) Activities of the Yangon Division Government Employees Cooperative (GEC), founded on Oct. 10, 1993. The four member coops have each subscribed K 1 million. Current activities: (a) foreign relations and export-import trade; (b) home purchases and sales; (c) department stores; (d) news, information and publishing. The GEC has purchased and distributed rice, soap, enamelware, general stores, and foodstuffs for 49 districts coops. It has signed an export contract with Hasley Timber Co. Ltd. of Singapore for the supply of 17,500 pyinkado wood door frames at US\$ 12.86 each, and has invested K 1.5 million for exports through the Hlinethaya Township Myanma Agricultural Produce Cooperative Society Ltd. (maize, rice and groundnut cakes). It has invested K 5 million to export beans and pulses. Its Department store at Theinbyu Market is rented at K 10,000 per month.

[(2) GEC Department Store and cottage industries.]

Oct. 23: -- Water and Food, by Kyu Kyu Thinn. [Importance of irrigation.]

-- Only one way, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Paddy husk ash briquettes as a substitute for firewood.]

-- Boosting production of crops, by Kyaw Nyunt Yi. [Work of FAO.]

-- To make efforts to reap golden harvest, by Min Soe (Agriculture). Visit of Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung to Pyay.]

-- Centenary celebrations of Taunggyi, by Than Wai (Taunggyi). Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State, was founded on Sept. 15, 1894 and (since it is too rainy in September) it is now holding its centenary celebrations.]

Oct. 30: -- Developing border areas of the kinsmen, by Nyein Aung (Taze). ["Border areas comprise 47,884 square miles in Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Rakhine, and Shan States, Sagaing and Tanintharyi Divisions organized in 86 townships and inhabited by about 30 {sic, probably 3 is meant} million population belonging to about 30 different national races." In 1989-93, the government built 1,227 miles of earth road, 543 miles of metalled roads, and 28 miles of tarred roads, 16 major bridges, and 401 smaller bridges, for a total cost of K 408.92 million. It opened 181 primary, 14 middle, and 2 high schools, with 726 teachers. In 1992-93 school uniforms, books, and supplies worth K 96.7 million were distributed free. 32 hospitals and 67 dispensaries were opened, with 59 doctors, at a cost of K 82.9 million. 104 power stations were built, with an investment of K 81.7 million in the Parkyethaw (Kokang), Mongla, Silu, and Natlat Chaung (Kengtung and Hopang), Mongyang and Mongyu (Kunlong) Hydel Power Plants. In crop substitution (for opium poppy) 18 agricultural offices, 63 agricultural stations, 11 tractor stations, and 47 dams, 1 canal, 12 saw mills, and 13 nursery farms were opened at a cost of K 75.0 million. 16 livestock breeding farms, 7 fishery hatcheries, 56 fish ponds, and 14 mules {sic} were opened at a cost of K 69.5 million. 16 post offices, 29 radio telex, 33 exchanges, 25 telegraph offices, 10 satellite earth stations with two TV dish antennas were provided at a cost of K 187.0 million. Other statistics.]

-- Ushering in a new era in agriculture, by Myint Thura. [Introduction of power tillers.]

-- Greening of Mingan Hill, by Kyaw Zaw Lin (Mandalay). [Water and reforestation projects in Magway Division.]

-- Where there's a will there's a way, by Thein Mya Lwin. ["They Myanma Heavy Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 is now producing motor vehicles and so also a great number of cars are being imported It is necessary to make arrangements to manufacture motor vehicles in the country by the private and cooperative sectors. Only the engines should be imported and other parts can be locally produced in the country. Although the quality of the produce may be quite rough at first, it can gradually be improved." Road Transport

uses 1,192 buses, 201 taxis, and 2,049 trucks; the cooperative sector uses 173 buses and 436 trucks; the private sector uses 120,375 buses and 25,478 trucks.]

-- Myanma jute: the golden fibre, by Shwepyi Oo. [90,179 acres of jute being grown this year in Myanmar.]

Crime

Oct. 1: 45.15 viss of contraband jade was seized Sept. 10 at the Thapyaywa junction between Meiktila and Thazi. (NLM 10/2)

Oct. 4: The Customs Department boat Thiha Yarzar-1 returned to Yangon after seizing one poaching boat and one smuggling boat; it has seized four such boats on its four trips. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 10: Two lawyers had their licences suspended, and a judge was dismissed. One lawyer "misused the name of a department head to ask for bribes"; the other used "bribing and asking for bribes" to try to settle a case involving "the seizure in Tachilek of fake currency notes smuggled into the country for circulation from another country." The judge who granted the acquittal was dismissed as of Oct. 4. (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 12: Two Thais trying to sell for K 500,000 a duplicator they falsely claimed could print forged Myanmar banknotes were arrested Oct. 2 in Tachilek Township [Shan]. They gave their planned clients real 200-kyat notes "chemically treated to look like bogus notes." (NLM 10/13)

Oct. 17: A 34-member timber smuggling gang, including four Thais, was rounded up and nine boats seized in Kawthoung [Tanintharyi] on Oct. 4. (NLM 10/18)

Oct. 24: A snatch-and-run thief was arrested Oct. 11 in Kamayut Township, Yangon, after snatching a wallet from a student on Sept. 14, and knifed him when the student tried to recover it. (NLM 10/25)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Oct. 2: DSI on Sept. 26 seized 71 kilos of raw opium in Pinlaung Township. (NLM 10/3)

Oct. 11: 24 bottles of Phensedyl were seized Oct. 4 in Myeik. (NLM 10/12)

Oct. 12: 6.2 kilos of heroin were seized Sept. 27 in Phakant, Kamaing Township [Kachin]. (NLM 10/13)

Oct. 14: During September 1994, the Tatmadaw seized 0.1 kilo of heroin, 33.3 kilos of opium, and 139.4 litres of Phensedyl. The Police exposed 525 cases, including 236 cases of failure to register. They seized 111.6 kilos of opium, 14.4 kilos of heroin, 19.7 kilos of marijuana, 325 litres of Phensedyl, 0.1 kilo of opium oil, 2.5 litres of Phencodine, and 2.0 litres of Comethazine. Action was taken against 684 persons. The police, in cooperation with the Tatmadaw, seized 3.8 kilos of heroin (10 cases), 91.6 kilos of opium (5 cases), and 94.6 litres of Phensedyl (4 cases). (NLM 10/15)

Oct. 16: 2.1 kilos of heroin, plus K 248,800, were seized Oct. 10 in Lashio. (NLM 10/17)

Oct. 18: 0.2 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 22 in Kunhing [Shan].

Oct. 21: 38 bottles of Phensedyl were seized Oct. 12 in Yangon. (NLM 10/22)

Oct. 25: 1.0 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 24 in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay. (NLM 10/26)

Obituaries

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

Sept. 29: Maung Chit Ko Ko, adopted son of U Sein Tint and Daw Khin Kyway, died in Yangon aged 15. (NLM 10/1)

Sept. 30: Bruce Frederick (a) Dinky, son of the late Mr. E. and Mrs. George Frederick, brother of...Michael (US Emb)-Hilda (Strand Hotel), Maureen (USA)...died in Yangon, aged 37. [Christian] (NLM 10/1)

Oct. 3: Agga Maha Tharay Sithu U Myint Thein, OBE, ATM, MA, LLB

(Cantab), LL.D (Rgn), Barrister-at-law, retired Chief Justice, former Ambassador to Nanking, Beijing, and the United Nations, husband of the late Daw Phwa Hmee, died in Yangon. He was born in 1900. (NLM 10/5)

Oct. 6: Daw Khin Thaung Sein (a) Daw Baby, widow of U Po Oo, died in Yangon, aged 68. [Christian] (NLM 10/7)

Oct. 7: Tommy Lim, died, aged 56 [remainder in Burmese]. (NLM 10/8)

Oct. 8: G.S.D. Daniels (Manager, GWE & OME Co. Ltd.), husband of Margaret Martha Daniels, died in Yangon, aged 76. [Christian] (NLM 10/9)

Oct. 11: U Myint Swe, Research Officer (Retd) DCPT, SINDO CASTING (S) PTE LTD, S'pore, husband of Daw Win Min Thu, died in Singapore, aged 56. (NLM 10/16)

Oct. 18: Saya Paul, U P Aung Khin, Ex-editor, Guardian Daily, Chief Editor, Top English Monthly, husband of Alice/Pearl, died in Yangon, aged 72. [Christian] (NLM 10/20)

Oct. 19: Rev. Deacon J.R. Nelson, St. Gabriel's Church, CIB, Yangon, husband of Mrs. Athirsta, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (NLM 10/20)

Oct. 19: Daw Ciin Kam, Thuklai, died, aged 86. [most of obituary in Burmese] (NLM 10/20)

Oct. 21: S.K. Ngul Lang, "grandest old gentleman of Tedim," Tedim pupi Suankhupte Khual Dam Tapa Ngul Lang, husband of Tawtakte khai go tanu Ning Zen of Tuitum, died, aged over 98. (NLM 10/23)

Oct. 23: Daw Khin Khin Win (a) Daw Sania Lata, BSc (Geology), Chairperson of Maternal & Child Welfare Society, Loikaw, wife of U S Mohinda Singh, died in Thanlyin, aged 58. (NLM 10/28)

Earthquakes

Oct. 5: An earthquake of strong intensity (7.3 Richter) was recorded at 20.01.38 local time, with epicenter about 3,441 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 10/6)

Oct. 10: An earthquake of strong intensity (6.8 Richter) was recorded at 14.34.28 local time, with epicenter about 3,579 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 10/11)

Oct. 16: An earthquake of strong intensity (6.1 Richter) was recorded at 11.48.54 local time, with epicenter about 1,328 miles SE of Yangon. (NLM 10/17)

Oct. 21: An earthquake of slight intensity (3.9 Richter) was recorded at 11.15.48 local time, with epicenter about 52 miles N of Sittway. (NLM 10/22)

Engagement

Oct. 13: Dr. Kyaw Win (a) G. Nagesh Rao M.B., B.S., son of U Kyaw Sein (a) G. Papa Rao, Manager of The Great Garuda Ltd., and Daw Thi Thi (a) G. Pumavathy (Myanma Small Loans Enterprise) of Yangon, became engaged at the Ramakrishna Mission Society to Mela Krishna (a) Cho Pyone, 2nd Year Medical Technology, U.S.A. (Manager, Naidu Medical Associates P), daughter of Dr. J. Hari Krishna and Shakunthala Krishna of U.S.A. (NLM 10/15)

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