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HIGHLIGHTS

- Subsidized commodities for government employees detailed
[MISCELLANEOUS: Sunday Supplements: "Towards a modern nation...."]
 - Traditional Regatta Festival [SPORTS]
 - Numerous foreign business visitors [FOREIGN VISITORS; ECONOMIC]
 - Official goodwill visit of Chinese Premier Li Peng [FOREIGN VISITORS]
 - Central Bank Discount Rate raised [ECONOMICS: Banking]
 - New Police Commander named [MYANMAR GAZETTE]
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POLITICAL

Slogans

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

Dec. 1-2: Arati papa, to abstain from evil; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Dec. 3-15: Virati papa, to refrain from sin; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Dec. 16-18: Majja pana ca samyamo, to restrain from intoxicating drinks; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Dec. 19-31: Anavajjani kammani, to perform faultless actions; 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.]

Dec. 20: Kudos to Myanma Tatmadaw (Air), by Khin Pyi Chit. [Virtues, history, and activities of the air force.]

Returnees from Bangladesh

[Articles reporting the return of refugees from Bangladesh list the cumulative total since Sept. 22, 1992. Not all returns are reported in NLM, and, indeed, returns have increasingly been skipped, as the discrepancy between specific reports and the totals indicate.]

Dec. 2: 1,352 persons from 270 households returned to four reception camps on Nov. 30 "under the agreement reached between Myanmar and Bangladesh," bringing the total to 115,262. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 13: 1,126 persons from 216 households returned to five reception camps on Dec. 12, bringing the total to 123,410. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 20: 766 persons from 137 households returned to three reception camps on Dec. 16, bringing the total to 126,718. (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 21: 1,591 persons from 313 households returned to reception camps Dec. 19-20, bringing the total to 128,309. (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 26: 1,627 persons from 306 households returned to the reception camps Dec. 21-22, bringing the total to 129,936. (NLM 12/27)

Dec. 27: 803 persons arrived [number of households not given] at the reception camps on Dec. 23, bringing the total to 130,739. (NLM 12/28)

Special Refresher Courses

Dec. 12: Special Refresher Course No. 13 for Basic Education Teachers opened, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. He said the courses were "conducted to add strength to be able to resist the attempts of some elements to demoralize the people and then enslave the nation." Continuing, "The Secretary-1 noted there are some people of foreign countries, some Myanmars staying illegally in foreign countries, armed self-seekers rising against the nation, who approach some foreign news agencies and use them to conduct subversive anti-government materials for publication and broadcasts.... Some ignoble news agencies of the so-called advanced nations are also disseminating news in order to sow discord among the nationalities leading to wars for territorial gains.... He disclosed

that he heard news that traitorous expatriates and some armed groups in collusion and planning to cause disintegration of national solidarity and the Union with the help of some foreign nations and news agencies...." (NLM 12/13)

Dec. 16: Special Refresher Course No. 4 for Officers of the General Administration Department concluded, and was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. He said foreign investment in Myanmar, as of September, was US\$ 2.7 billion. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 19: Special Refresher Course No. 9/94 for Revenue Officers concluded, with 82 revenue officers participating. Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin spoke. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 26: Special Refresher Course No. 5 for PPF Officers opened, and was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. 252 police officers are attending the 6-week course. (NLM 12/27)

USDA

Dec. 5: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, addressed the closing ceremony of Management Course No. 4/94 for USDA Executive Committee members. "He said the State Law and Order Restoration Council has formed the USDA to mobilize the sharp abilities of the youths in order to turn them into a national force in State and national interest. The trainees of the course, therefore, are responsible for organizing active, alert and able patriotic youths under the banner of the USDA to carry out nation-building tasks.... [He] emphasized all the trainees must have complete faith in the fact that the strength of the nation lies within. National brethren, he said, have been residing together in the Union in weal or woe since the dawn of Myanma history. At the time of Myanmar monarchs, he noted, Myanmar won respect of many nations as it could expand from city states to empires" (NLM 12/6)

National Races

Dec. 11: A self-reliant affiliated K 1.6 million middle school for 160 children was opened at Lwebaung village, Naungpi village-tract, in the Pa-O Nationals Development Special Region-6 in Pinlaung Township, southern Shan State, and turned over to the Basic Education Department. Present were officials, elders of the Special Region-6, and members of the Pa-O Literature and Culture Committee. (NLM 12/12)

Dec. 18: A new affiliated high school worth K 1.55 million was opened at Kyaukkacha village in the Menai Mountain Range of Hopong Township, Pa-O Special Region 6, on Dec. 4. Four buses, plying between Kyaukkacha and Taunggyi, a 38-mile route, also began service. (NLM 12/19)

Dec. 20: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt received leader of the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization U Takleh and party, to discuss "reclamation of land for regional development, improvement of roads and communications and extension of economic tasks...." (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 23: 775 households of the Rakhine, Khamwe, Mro, Thet, and Dainet national races have been settled in new houses in 12 model villages in Rakine State. 169 houses were built at K 10,000 each in two villages in Buthidaung Township, and 752 houses at K 12,000 each in ten villages in Maungtaw Township. Each family gets a 60x80 foot plot for house and kitchen garden, and each cultivates three acres of paddy, for a total of 1,321 acres. Twelve primary schools have been built, plus three clinics with nurses and midwives. (NLM 12/24)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention Working Sessions

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

Nov. 30: Three groups met. Peasants: A proposal paper on

Judiciary was approved. Political parties: proposal papers on Legislature were presented. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on Legislature. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 1: Two groups met. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on Executive and Judiciary. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized a paper on Legislature. (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 2: Three groups met. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized a paper on Judiciary. Other invited persons: reading of a proposal paper on Executive continued. Representatives-elect: proposal papers were scrutinized by the Panel of Chairmen. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 5: Three groups met. Other invited persons: a proposal paper on Judiciary was discussed. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on Legislature. Nationalities: the Panel of Chairmen met to consider papers on self-administered areas. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 6: Four groups met. State service personnel: a proposal paper on Judiciary was considered. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen and delegates coordinated a paper on self-administered areas. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized a paper on Legislature. (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 7: Three groups met. Political parties: proposal papers on Legislature were presented. Representatives-elect: proposal papers on Legislature were presented. National races: the Panel of Chairmen met. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: Two groups met. Other invited persons: various proposal papers were presented. Representatives-elect: various proposal papers on Legislature were presented. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 9: Two groups met. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen met with delegates and approved a proposal paper on self-administered areas. Nationalities: a proposal paper on self-administered areas was approved. (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 12: One group met. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on Legislature. Four groups (peasants, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and nationalities) have approved proposal papers on self-administered areas, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary. (NLM 12/ 13)

Dec. 13: Two groups met. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen discussed a paper on self-administered areas. Political parties: a paper on Legislature was presented; the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized another paper on Legislature. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 14: Two groups met. State service personnel: a proposal paper on Legislature was heard. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized several papers. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 16: Two groups met. Other invited delegates: papers were proposed on self-administered areas, and on Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary. Political parties: papers were presented on Legislature and on Executive. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 19: Three groups met. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized the draft on Legislature. Political parties: proposal papers were presented on Executive. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen received a proposal paper on Executive. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 21: One group met. Representatives-elect: various proposal papers were read. The death of U Pe Tin, NLD representative for Nyaung U Township-2, was noted. (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 23: One group met. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on Executive. (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 29: One group met. State service personnel: a proposal paper on Legislature was discussed. (NLM 12/30)

Dec. 30: Two groups met. Political parties: heard proposal papers on Executive. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers on Executive. (NLM 12/31)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

[The following calls were paid on Burmese officials by foreign Embassy or UN officials accredited to Burma. Details of the meetings are rarely reported. Ambassadors generally accompany foreign visitors from their countries on official calls, and their presence is generally not noticed in this Summary. Newly arrived and departing Ambassadors generally make the rounds of Cabinet Ministers and other leading officials.]

Nov. 30: French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 1: The French Ambassador called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 2: The French Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. The Pakistani Ambassador called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 5: The Pakistani Ambassador called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min, and on Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 6: UNICEF Resident Representative Steven H. Umemoto called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein. French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min. (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 7: United States Charge d'Affaires Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, who noted arrangements being made for "the visit by cruise liners of about 2,000 French tourists." They also discussed a possible mountaineering camp at Mt. Khakaborazi in Putao, Kachin State. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: The French Ambassador called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, and on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. Bangladeshi Ambassador Brig. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman (Retd) called on Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 9: The French Ambassador called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein, and on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. United States Charge d'Affaires Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 12: The United States Charge d'Affaires called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min [photo]. Swedish Ambassador Miss Eva Heckscher called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 12/13) \\ Netherlands Ambassador Georges Albert M. Wehry called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 14: French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, and on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 15: Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint to discuss a Myanmar donation of 500 tons of rice and 50 tons of salt to Laos. French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 20: Bangladeshi Ambassador Brig. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman (Retd) called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss air links. (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 22: United States Charge d'Affaires Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung. (NLM 12/23)

Dec. 23: The United States Charge d'Affaires called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 12/24)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Dec. 20: Mr. Manfred von Nostitz presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 31: The Government has approved the appointment of Mr. Zoltan Sudy as new Hungarian Ambassador to Myanmar. He was born Sept. 5, 1951, and joined the Foreign Ministry in 1975. He has served in various capacities, and obtained a doctoral degree in economics in 1990. He is concurrently accredited to Myanmar and Thailand, with residence in Bangkok. He is married with two children. (NLM 12/31)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Nov. 30: U Tin Winn presented credentials in Bangkok to King Bhumibol Adulyadej as new Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 7: U Aye on Nov. 23 presented credentials in Geneva to United Nations Director-General Vladimir Petrovsky as new Myanmar Permanent Representative to the United Nations at Geneva. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: U Nyunt Tin on Dec. 7 presented credentials in Paris to President Francois Mitterand as new Myanmar Ambassador to France. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 8: U Phone Myint on Dec. 5 presented credentials in Seoul to President Kim Young Sam as new Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 16: U Maung Maung Lay presented credentials Dec. 15 in Hanoi to President Madame Nguyen Thi Binh as new Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 16: U Thein Han, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos, left for Vientiane. (NLM 12/17) // Dec. 29: On Dec. 23 he presented credentials in Vientiane to President Nouhak Phoumsavanh. (NLM 12/29)

Dec. 29: U Soe Win on Dec. 26 presented credential in Tokyo to Emperor Akihito as new Myanmar Ambassador to Japan. (NLM 12/29)

Diplomatic Tour

Dec. 20: Four European Ambassadors, from countries on the current UNICEF Executive Board, toured Northern Shan State to learn about UNICEF assistance. They were Dr. Walther von Marshall (Germany), Mr. Georges-Albert Wehry (Netherlands), Mr. Blaise Godel (Switzerland), and Miss Eva Heckscher (Sweden), together with UNICEF representative Mr. S.H. Umemoto. They visited Lashio, Theinni, and Hsipaw Townships. (NLM 12/21)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Projects

Nov. 30: A 2-day Strategy Planning Workshop, sponsored by the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA), UNICEF, Save the Children Fund (SCF) and World Vision International (WVI) opened at the Thiripyitsaya Hotel in Bagan. Speakers included MMCWA President Dr. Tin Tin Hman, UNICEF Deputy Resident Representative Mr. T. Sinnshaw, SCF Regional Office Head Mr. Douglas Lackey, WVI Director for Myanmar Mr. David Chandler, and others spoke. (NLM 12/1)

Nov. 30: The 17th Advisory Meeting of International Network for Genetic Evaluation of Rice (INGER), jointly sponsored by the Myanmar Agricultural Service and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) opened, and was addressed by Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. Also present were other Ministers, Director-General Mr. K. J. Lampe of IRRI, Resident Representatives in Yangon of UNDP, FAO, and IRRI (Mr. A.G. Garcia), leader of the INGER Advisory Committee Mr. R Chaudhary, Myanmar officials, and "Resident Representatives of

IRRI of Advisory Committee member states--Nigeria, Egypt, the Philippines, Colombia, Indonesia, Senegal, Korea, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Malaysia, India, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Thailand, China, and IRRI. In his address [full text in NLM], Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung stressed the importance of genetic research on rice, saying "It is crystal clear that in confronting these future challenges germplasm exchange and sharing play a vital role and therefore the basic raw material required is 'genetic diversity'. In this regard, it is encouraging to note that from 1975 to 1993, more than 38,000 test entries were evaluated through INGER. Of these, 290 have been released in varieties in 57 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America." He went on to review Myanmar programs for increasing paddy output. The Advisory Committee meeting began, chaired by IRRI Director Mr. S.R. Obien, and was addressed by Committee Leader Mr. R Chaudhary, Mr. K. Alluri (on INGER-Africa highlights) and Mr. K. Meizan (the "1994 and beyond of INGER/WARDA"). The participants arrived Nov. 27, visited the Central Agricultural Research Station at Yezin in Pyinmana, and the Central Research and Seed Farm in Hmawby, and studied paddy cultivation in Mandalay, Bago, and Yangon Divisions. The meeting will last until Dec. 3. (NLM 12/1) // Dec. 1: The meeting continued, with discussion by representatives of Colombia, Bangladesh, China, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Korea and Myanmar. (NLM 12/2) // Dec. 2: The meeting continued, with discussion by representatives of the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. (NLM 12/3) // Dec. 4: The representatives toured paddy-plus-fish integrated farming sites. (NLM 12/5)

Dec. 10: A National Workshop on Integrated Application of GIS and Remote Sensing, jointly sponsored by Myanmar and ESCAP, began at the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. 16 trainees are participating in the 10-day workshop. Speakers included WMO Permanent Representative U Ohn Maung, Director-General of the MHD, and Regional Adviser Mr. He Chang Chui of ESCAP. (NLM 12/11)

Dec. 14: A course in International Diploma in Computing Studies, jointly sponsored by NCC Co. of Britain and the Institute of Computer Science and Technology, will begin Jan. 23, 1995. Applicants must sit for an entrance examination on Jan. 8. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 20: A four-day Workshop on Food Safety, jointly sponsored by Myanma Food and Drug Control Division and the WHO, opened and was addressed by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, who said "it is the first workshop of its kind held in the country in which the representatives of the ministries and departments concerned with food are taking part.... He spoke of the need to have a food control division to deter the public from consuming food which could harm the health of the people, food which are contaminated or adulterated and those sold with false advertisements." (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 26: Prizes were distributed in the Smile Contests, jointly sponsored by the Myanmar Dental Surgeons Association and the World Health Organization. Patron of the MDSA, Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, spoke of the need for improved oral health and of public health programs. "Only a person of good oral health can wear a complete smile." He added that the ceremonies are "intended for the public and a hospitable smile is a tradition of Myanmar people. He called for continued efforts to make Myanmar a nation of people wearing smiles. He then wished all to be able to smile with healthy mind." Prizes were distributed, including "a special prize to Daw Ngwe Mya, 100 years old and has not lost a single tooth." (NLM 12/27)

Dec. 28: A 3-day Training Course on Drug-Dependent Person began at Yangon Psychiatric Hospital, with representatives of the Ministry of Health, UNDCP, UNDP, WHO, and others. 60 township medical officers are attending. (NLM 12/29)

Business Seminars and Shows

Nov. 30: Aiwa Dealers' Seminar '94, jointly sponsored by the Myanma Department Stores and Aiwa Information Plaza, was held at the Strand Hotel. Present was Managing Director Mr. K. Yokono of Aiwa Co. (Singapore) and Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 2: Coordinator Mr. Teruo Ujiie of the UNCTAD Technical Cooperation Program on GSP will talk on the Generalized System of Preferences and the Uruguay Round at the Seminar on Business Education on Dec. 6. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 6: The Seminar on Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and Other Trade Laws opened at the Ministry of Trade, and was addressed by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. Present were Mr. Teruo Ujiie, Mr. Stefano Inama, and Mr. Edwin Vermulst of UNCTAD, Mr. Toshio Onishi of ESCAP, and others. The Minister "spoke of the need to fully understand the GSP systems and original regional rules as well as trade laws of the nations concerned in order to enjoy the rights of the GSP programme, boost export and find markets." (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 9: Seminar on Business Education No. 16 was held at the Ministry of Trade, attended by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, who referred to the Seminar on GSP [above], and "expressed belief that representatives of UN agencies might have studied economic policies during their stay in Myanmar and this will be for promotion of relations between Myanmar and UN agencies.... Mr. Teruo Ujiie of UNCTAD lectured on "An Overview of the Uruguay Round Agreements with Special Emphasis on Market Access Issue and GSP." (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 13: Advertisement extending a welcome to the Dec. 15-17 Korean Events and Catalogues Show, to be held at the Korean Merchandise Centre, 103 Dhammazedhi Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. "At this show we will advertise and display Korean products and catalogues for trade promotion or mutual benefit." (NLM 12/13) //

Dec. 15: The Korean Merchandise Centre opened, and features TVs, video decks, refrigerators, telephones, machinery, video tapes, paints, motor tyres, air conditioners and other products from Samsung, Seamong Myanmar, Sunkyong, Lucky Goldstar, and Multi-Gate companies. (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 13: A 2-day Financial Seminar, jointly sponsored by the Japan Centre for International Finance (JCIF) and the Central Bank of Myanmar, opened, and was addressed by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. 48 senior officials are attending. Lectures are being heard from JCIF Vice-President Mr. Rei Masunaga ("Macroeconomic Policy and the Financial System for Stable Growth"), General Manager Mr. Makoto Ebina of Fuji Research Corporation ("Bank Operations in Japan", and "The Banks in Japan and Check Points on Lending"). (NLM 12/14) // Dec. 14: The Seminar concluded. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 20: A Seminar on knowledge about printing ink, jointly sponsored by Sunn Htoo Co. Ltd. and Toyo Ink (Pan Pacific Pte. Ltd.) was held. Speakers were Messrs. Chua Wan Seng, Alex Tan, and Steven J. Fernandez. (NLM 12/21)

Dec. 20: The Myanma Economic Bank opened its Basic Computer Course No. 8/94, with officials from U E Myanmar (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd. and course instructors. 21 trainees are attending the two-week course. Course No. 7/94 ended Dec. 17. (NLM 12/21)

Donations from Abroad

[There are numerous articles reporting donations by Burmese to government, religious, and social organizations and charities, which we do not normally report.]

Nov. 30: Mr. Pik Bambang, on behalf of Mrs. Kathleen C. Lian Sanpoernan of Indonesia, delivered K 2.5 million out of K 10 million to Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Win Naing "earmarked for girls up to 18 years of Training School for Girls and nurseries." (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 2: Mr. Kunibar Shibata of Terumo Co. and Franco-Pacific Myanmar Co. Ltd. of Singapore presented hospital equipment worth US\$ 9,000 to the Defence Services General Hospital. \ Power-tillers, presented to SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt by the Mayor of Kunming, China, during his Sept. 7-14 visit, were delivered to the Ministry of Agriculture. \ The Republic of Korea presented road building equipment worth US\$ 200,000 to the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. \ Director

Mr. Paul Tan of Raffles Supplies Pte. Ltd. of Singapore presented medical equipment worth US\$ 1,000 to No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 5: Chairman Mr. Takenaga of the Daimex Inc. of Japan, under arrangements through Myo Thant Group Ltd., donated medicines produced by Tanabe Co. Ltd. worth US\$ 4,000 to the Health Department. (NLM 12/6) // Dec. 7: He donated, on behalf of Takehaya Co. Ltd. Japan, medical equipment (a photo-detector for intestinal defects produced by Machida Co.) worth US\$ 22,000 to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 5: Mr. Tatokoro and members of the Kami Fukuoka Keizai Kai Group of Japan presented medical equipment worth US\$ 10,000 to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 6: Chairman Mr. Stewart Yen of the Summit Park View Hotel donated a walk-through detector worth 6,000 Singapore dollars to the Department of Civil Aviation. (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 7: Dr. Michael Segal and Ms. Miriam Marshall Segal of Myanmar American Fisheries Co. presented medical equipment worth US\$ 2,000 to the Health Department. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 7: Directors Mr. David Ong and Mr. Chong Choon Nean of Vredelco (Myanmar) Pte. Ltd. donated K 800,000 for development of education in Leshi and Lahe Townships, Sagaing Division, and K 200,000 to USDA. (picture captions NLM 12/8)

Dec. 7: Mr. Chang Joo Leigh of Samsan Corporation, authorized representative of Medison Co., presented medical and ultra-sound equipment worth US\$ 70,000 to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: Dr. Hirahara, Superintendent of the Kamamoto Hospital, Japan, presented two wheel-chairs worth US\$ 3,000 to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 12/9) // Dec. 9: He donated a wheelchair worth US\$ 4,000, for disabled athletes, to the Sports and Physical Education Department. (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 8: Mr. Ismail of Ismail Bawany Group, Pakistan, donated K 100,000 towards the sports funds of the Yangon City Development Committee. \\ Donations totalling US 4,500 and K 1.3 million, mostly from Singapore and other foreign companies, were given for the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 9: Japan will give medical equipment worth US\$ 34,000 and two ambulances worth US\$ 44,000 to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 12: Satake Corporation of Japan presented an SB-10 rice mill, valued at K 380,000, to the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. (NLM 12/13)

Dec. 13: Ismail Ebrahim Bawani of Karachi, Pakistan, former proprietor of Violin Hosiery, presented K 50,000 to Yangon West agencies. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 14: Director Mr. Peter G. Wurm of Agfa Company donated K 100,000 to the Myanmar Golf Federation. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 15: Chairman Mr. Ali Mohamad of Excellent Enterprise of Singapore donated S\$ 2,400 and K 60,000 to the Myanmar Tennis Federation. (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 21: Tiger and Heineken Beer Companies donated 2,500 bottles of purified water, worth K 30,000, to the Regatta Festival. (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 23: Mr. Bentan of B.T. Design Group of Kuala Lumpur, and Managing Director U Aye Kyaw of Rubyland Tourism Services Co. Ltd., donated US\$ 1,000 for gilding the Buddha statue on Mandalay Hill. The Design Group is in Myanmar "to study potentials of hotel and tourism services in Mandalay, Bagan Nyaung U and Yangon." (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 27: The Korean Women's Association, led by Madame Young In Kim, wife of the Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, donated K 550,000 for training schools under the Social Welfare Department. (NLM 12/28)

Dec. 29: Four Myanmar doctors resident in the United States donated K 800,000 (\$200,000 each) for renovation of Bagan pagodas: Dr. San Aye-Daw Alice Aye of Los Angeles, U Saw Kyon Po-Dr. Aye Aye Cho of Los Angeles, Dr. Nyunt Lwin-Daw Thin Thin Cho of Los Angeles, and Dr. Min Soe-Daw Myint Myint Sein of Marion, Indiana. (NLM 12/30)

Dec. 30: The German Embassy presented farm machinery worth US\$ 9,150 to the Social Welfare Department. (NLM 12/31)

Border & Regional Affairs

Nov. 30: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw left for Thailand to attend the Second Meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation, being held in Bangkok from Nov. 28-Dec. 3. He was accompanied by his Personal Secretary U Htwe Din. An advance team led by Director-General U Aye Lwin of the Consular, International Law, Treaties and Research Department had left on Nov. 27. (NLM 12/1) // Dec. 3: He returned. During his stay, the Minister called on King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Prime Minister Chuan Leepai, and held discussions with Foreign Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. At the Joint Commission meeting, discussions were held on exchanges of visits, cultural exchange, tourism, technical assistance and cooperation, border checkpoints, forestry, fisheries, boundary matters, transportation, and banking. Delegation members returning with the Minister [in addition to those listed above] were Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Department, Managing Director U Shwe Tun Maung of the Ministry of Construction, Col. Sein Win Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung of the Political Department, General Manager U Nyunt Aye of Myanma Export and Import Services, Deputy Director U Aye Lwin of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, and Deputy Directors U Kyi Tun and U Kyaw Nyunt Mun of the Foreign Ministry. (NLM 12/4)

Dec. 6: The Third Meeting of Regional Level Myanmar-Indian Civil Authorities was held at Aizul, Mizoram State, India, from Nov. 22-24. A 20-member Myanmar delegation was led by Deputy Director-General U Ohn Han of the General Administration Department, and a 23-member Indian delegation was led by Mr. B.N. Jha of the Ministry of Home Affairs. "The meeting discussed cooperation in security and suppression of drug trafficking along the Indian-Myanmar border, border trade and travels across the border...." U Ohn Han called on Chief Minister Mr. Lai Thanhawla of Mizoram State. The Fourth meeting will be held in Chin State in February 1995. (NLM 12/7)

Narcotics Cooperation

Dec. 6: Three antinarcotics delegations arrived to attend the Fifth biannual coordination meeting for joint implementation of plans under international narcotics control cooperative projects: Executive Director Mr. Gerd Merrem and delegation from the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP); Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Liu Ximing and delegation from the Chinese Drug Abuse Control Commission; Secretary-General Police General Chavalit Yodhmani and delegation from the Drug Control Committee of Thailand. (NLM 12/6) // Dec. 7: The meeting was held in two sessions, with Myanmar represented by the Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, Police Director-General Police Maj-Gen. San Thein. (NLM 12/7) // Mr. Gerd Merrem called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 18: An Indian delegation led by Secretary Mr. Sivaraman of the Ministry of Finance arrived to attend the Second Indo-Myanmar Meeting of the Heads of Anti-Narcotic Agencies. Other members are Director-General Mr. Joginder Singh of the India Narcotics Control Bureau, Indian Narcotics Control Commissioner Mr. Kailash, and Police Maj-Gen. T.N. Mishra of Manipur. (NLM 12/19) // Dec. 19: The delegation was received by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. It then met with Myanmar officials headed by Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Maj-Gen. San Thein, to discuss "control of drug trafficking in India-Myanmar border regions." (NLM 12/20) // Dec. 22: Agreed minutes of the meeting were signed today, prior to the Indian delegation's departure for home. The delegation visited Bagan and Mandalay on Dec. 20-21. (NLM 12/23)

Fisheries Meeting

Dec. 6: Participants in the Regional Meeting on TCDC Capacities and Needs Matching Exercise in Coastal/Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, co-sponsored by UNDP and the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries, toured Yangon. The Meeting comprises representatives of TCDC and NACA, and of 16 Asian/Pacific nations: Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Regional meeting has been held from Dec. 3-7 at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road. (NLM 12/7) // Dec. 7: The meeting concluded, after discussing the role of women in fisheries, privatization, and aquaculture sustainability. (NLM 12/8)

Religious Cooperation

Dec. 9: Wellwishers donated over K 5 million for construction of a 27-foot Buddha statue in Penang, Malaysia. The statue is being constructed by Foreign Missionary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannavamsa of the Myanmar Buddhist Monastery in Penang. (NLM 12/10)

Rice and Salt for Laos

Dec. 22: A ceremony to present 500 tons of rice and 50 tons of salt to Laos was held at Wanpon village, Tachilek Township [Shan] on Dec. 21. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint handed the gifts to Laos Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Mr. Thonglounsisoulith. Also present were Bokeo Province Commissioner Mr. Soukanmahalat, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Mr. Khamnoun Suphanthoung, and other officials. (NLM 12/23)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Visitors

[Includes both governmental and non-governmental agencies]

Dec. 1: Director-General Dr. Klaus J. Lampe of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 12/2) // Dec. 6: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 2: Consumer Advisor Mr. Pradit Machima of the Asia and the Pacific Office of International Cooperative Alliance, and Manager Mr. Akira Kurimoto of Japan Consumers Cooperative Alliance (JCCU) lectured students at Phaunggyi Central Cooperative College in Hlegu Township. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 7: IDEAS International, "a United Nations Women's Association" event supported by UNDP, gave a presentation of Shan State (Innlay Lake) Textiles. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 13: Mr. V.T. Palan of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin to discuss the Family Health Project. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 14: Executive Director Dr. BY. Freezailah of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) called on officials of the Forestry Ministry at the Myanmar Timber Enterprise. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 16: Dr. S.D.M. Fernando and Dr. N.T. Cooray of WHO called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt to discuss WHO projects in Myanmar. (NLM 12/17)

Cultural and Medical Visitors

Dec. 2: Secretary Prof. Asha Ram Sakya of the Committee for Development of Lumbini Region of Nepal, and two members, departed at the conclusion of a goodwill visit to Myanmar. During their visit, they called on religious and cultural authorities and visited the sights. (NLM 12/3)

Business Visitors

Dec. 1: A delegation from the Japan Productivity Centre for Socio-Economic Development, led by Mr. Katsuhiko Utada, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen.

Abel. (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 5: Members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kobe, Japan, headed by Mr. Kazuo Tominaga, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 5: An Agri-business Study Mission of Singapore, led by Dr. Ngian Tong Tou, called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung to discuss cooperation in "producing quality rice, vegetables, fruits and flowers, packaging and despatching to world markets." (NLM 12/6) // Dec. 7: It met with officials of the Cooperative Department. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 5: A Construction and Investment Promotion Mission from Singapore, led by Mr. Khor Tong Meng arrived. (NLM 12/6) // Dec. 6: The Mission met with Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, on Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thuang, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 12/7) // Dec. 8: The mission called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and met officials of the Ministry of Construction. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 7: Mr. Peter Higgs and Mr. John Tregoe of Pacific Advanced Media Studios [New Zealand] demonstrated the production of CDs [CD-ROMs]; the Cooperative Stores Syndicate will produce CD[-ROMs] "featuring Myanmar's beautiful scenes" for the Visit Myanmar Year 1996. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: A 15-member delegation led by Chief Executive Mr. Samsudin Marsop of the Malaysian Foreign Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, who solicited Malaysian investments "to build sea-going vessels, international airports and railroads and communications...." (NLM 12/9) // Dec. 15: The delegation called on called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 8: A French delegation led by Managing Director M. Bruno Merier of Andaman Co. Ltd. of France called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 12: President Mr. John F. Imle, Jr. of UNOCAL Oil Company of the United States called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin and Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, to discuss the sale of natural gas from the Yadana Natural Gas Field to Thailand through pipelines installed by UNOCAL, TOTAL, and Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise. (NLM 12/13)

Dec. 12: An economic mission from Industrial Corporation Ltd. (STIC) of Singapore, led by Mr. Wong Kok Siew, called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 12/13) // Dec. 13: He met with Deputy Minister for Transport U San Wai to discuss aviation services. (NLM 12/14)

Dec. 14: A delegation from Mitsui and Co. Ltd. of Japan, led by Vice-Chairman Mr. Akira Utsumi, accompanied by Chairman Mr. Hiruyuki Marnko of Mitsui and Co. (Thailand), and four members, called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min to discuss joint production of CI [corrugated iron] sheets in Myanmar, hotel construction, investments, etc. [see below under ECONOMICS: Joint Ventures and Projects]. The delegation also called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, and on Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin of the Myanmar Investment Commission. Mr. Sakae Kobayashi called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. (NLM 12/15) // Dec. 15: The delegation called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, on Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. They told the Tourism Minister that the company plans to sign an agreement with Thai businessmen to construct a 200-room hotel near the Kandawgyi. General Manager Mr. Tadaatsu Kohara of the Steel Products Division called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint to discuss the supply of corrugated iron sheets and other material for rural water supply and border area development. Mr. Masaji Yoshiuchi and

delegation members called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 12/16) // Dec. 16: The delegation called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. General Manager Mr. Tadaatsu Kohara of Steel Overseas Second Division called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 14: Six Yamaha musicians from Japan arrived to demonstrate Yamaha musical instruments at the National Theatre. (NLM 12/15) // Dec. 15: The band, led by Mr. Takamatsu, called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. They are here under arrangements of Daimex Inc. Co. of Japan with Myo Thant Group Co. (NLM 12/ 16) // Dec. 16: The band entertained at the National Theatre, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and other officials. The instruments played by the band, worth US\$ 120,000, will be presented to the Ministry of Defence. (NLM 12/ 17) // Dec. 17: The band left. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 16: A delegation led by Mr. R.N. Saboo of Grasim Industries Ltd. of India called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 21: Director Mr. Zenichi Ishikawa of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd., International Research, in Tokyo, and party called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein. (NLM 12/22) // Dec. 22: He met with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss a joint venture securities exchange between Daiwa Securities of Japan and Myanmar. (NLM 12/23)

Religious Delegations

Dec. 8: Chittagong Deputy Sasanapaing Sayadaw U Jotipala of Bangladesh, aged 80, accompanied by two members of the Sangha, called on Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kittti of Zambudipa Kyaung at Kaba Aye. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 11: Professor Venerable Pandit Hegoda Khemananda of the Buddha University in Galle, Sri Lanka, and a delegation of three Sangha members, paid homage to the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. Also present was Sri Lankan Charge d'Affaires Mr. S.S. Ganegama Arachchi. (NLM 12/12) // Dec. 12: He visited religious sites in Yangon. (NLM 12/13)

Foreign Journalists

Nov. 30: Christian Science Monitor correspondent Miss Barbara Ann Bradley called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee. (NLM 12/1) // Dec. 2: She called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 12/3) // Dec. 5: She called on Secretary U Aye Maung of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, and observed the national races delegates group. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 1: London Times correspondent Miss Abby Tan, based in Singapore, called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 15: BBC-TV Correspondent Iain Simpson, based in Singapore, called on Chairman U Aung Toe of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and others to discuss the National Convention. (NLM 12/16)

Laotian Dance Troupe

Nov. 30: The Laotian song and dance ensemble led by Mr. Khamphiu Bouaphana called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. It also staged a preview at the National Theatre, attended by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and others. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 1: The troupe went sightseeing in Yangon. (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 3: Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw hosted a dinner for the troupe. (NLM 12/4)

Dec. 4: The troupe returned home. (NLM 12/5)

Yunnan Delegation

Nov. 30: The Yunnan delegation led by Mr. Liu Shusheng returned

home. (NLM 12/1)

Bangladesh Home Minister

Dec. 1: A six-member goodwill delegation led by Bangladesh Minister for Home Affairs Mr. Abdul Matin Chowdhury arrived, and called on Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin, and signed an agreement on "bilateral cooperation in connection with preventing trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and chemicals." (NLM 12/2)

Dec. 2: The delegation was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, and many Ministers. In the afternoon, the delegation was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and was hosted at dinner by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 3: The delegation visited Mandalay. (NLM 12/4)

Dec. 4: The delegation returned home to Bangladesh. (NLM 12/5)

Thai Assistant Commander

Dec. 8: Assistant Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army Gen. Chetta Thanajaro and party 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 12/9)

Polish Vice-Minister

Dec. 13: Polish Under-Secretary of State and Vice-Minister of Industry and Trade Mr. Roman Czerwinski, with a delegation of officials and 18 private entrepreneurs, arrived. (NLM 12/14) // Dec. 14: He called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Director-General U Thein Aung Lwin of the Foreign Economic Relations Department. (NLM 12/15) // Dec. 15: The delegation called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein. (NLM 12/16) // Dec. 16: The delegation departed. (NLM 12/17)

Chinese Construction Minister

Dec. 14: A six-member delegation led by Chinese Minister of Construction Mr. Hou Jie arrived at the invitation of Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. It visited the Shwedagon Pagoda. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 15: The Minister was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. He visited the Yangon-Thanyin Bridge, the Thuwunna Gymnasium, and the National Theatre [all built with Chinese aid--HCM]. (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 18: The delegation flew to Heho on Dec. 16 and visited Innlay Lake and Taunggyi. On returning to Yangon, Dec. 18, the Minister signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin "on providing PRC technical assistance and cooperation." The two Ministers then visited Dagon University. (NLM 12/19)

Dec. 19: The delegation departed. (NLM 12/20)

Chinese Army Official

Dec. 14: Maj-Gen. Fu Jiaping, Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau, Chinese People's Liberation Army, arrived and was received by Chief of No. 1 Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 12/15) // Dec. 20: He called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 12/21)

Chinese Premier Li Peng

Dec. 15: It is announced that Chinese Premier Li Peng will pay an official goodwill visit to Myanmar in the near future, at the invitation of SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 23: Official biography of Premier Li Peng. (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 26: Editorial: Welcome. [This single word carries in the

broadest sense the sentiments of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and the entire people of the Union of Myanmar for...Premier Li Peng...who arrives today...at the invitation of...Senior General Than Shwe.... Significant as it is, His Excellency Li Peng's visit underscores the strengthening of 'paukphaw' friendship and good-neighborly relations between the two governments.... Myanmar-China friendship is centuries-old and has been strengthened further with each passing generation.... Myanmar and China strictly adhere to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.... Welcome, we pronounce, and this shall reverberate from Yunnan to the eastern shores, to let all the world know we are today spreading out the red carpet for our honourable and distinguished guest."]

Dec. 26: Premier Li Peng and Madame Zhu Lin arrived at 12:30 pm, and were welcomed with full official honours at Yangon Airport by SLORC Chairman Senior General and Madame Than Shwe. The Premier was accompanied by a delegation of 58, including State Councillor Mr. Li Guixian, Minister of Communications Mr. Huang Zhendong, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. He Zhiqiang, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Mr. Shi Guangsheng, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of China Mr. Wang Qiren, Deputy Director (Vice Minister) of the Office of Foreign Affairs of the State Council Mr. Lu Congmin, and Special Assistant to the Premier Mr. Wan Jingchang. Also accompanying the delegation are journalists from Xinhua News Agency, CCTV, China Radio International, China New Service, China National Radio, China Daily and People's Daily, TV crews and technicians.

Premier Li Peng issued the following arrival statement [full text]:

"I am very pleased to pay an official goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at the kind invitation of Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister. I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, our high regards and good wishes to the Government and people of Myanmar.

"China and Myanmar are close neighbours linked by mountains and rivers and our two peoples have enjoyed a traditional paukphaw friendship. Recent years have witnessed a steady growth of the friendly relations between China and Myanmar based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and good cooperation between the two sides in the political, economic, cultural and other fields. History over the past four decades and more proves that friendship between China and Myanmar is in keeping with the fundamental interests and shared aspiration of our two peoples, and is conducive to peace and stability of this region. My current visit is aimed at further strengthening the good neighbourly and friendly ties between us and expanding our mutually beneficial cooperation. I will exchange views with leaders of Myanmar on bilateral relations and regional and international issues of common concern. I believe that as the Myanmar side has made thoughtful arrangements, my current visit will yield positive results and further facilitate the growth of the existing friendly relations between our two countries both in scope and depth.

"May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and its people well-being!"

[Note: Paukphaw ("cousin") is frequently used to describe a "special relationship" between China and Burma-- HMacD.]

In the late afternoon, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and [his wife] Dr. Khin Win Shwe called on the Premier.

In the evening, Senior General Than Shwe hosted a banquet for the visiting Chinese Premier, at which speeches were exchanged [full texts printed in NLM].

That of Senior General Than Shwe concluded, after reviewing previous Chinese visits, "I am therefore convinced that your visit, even though very brief, will be registered as a welcoming new chapter in the annals of our Pauk Phaw relations. It is therefore my conviction that we shall have a stronger and active cooperation in the years ahead." He also thanked China for permitting the 45-day

tour of Myanmar, beginning last April, of the Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha.

Chinese Premier Li Peng returned the remarks with a toast, in which, after noting the 40th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, he said: "The world today is still in transition from an old pattern to a new one, the trend toward multipolarity is accelerating, the international situation is complicated and volatile, hegemonism and power politics are still in existence, the world economic development remains uneven and North-South gap continues widening. Peace and development remain the two major tasks facing the world. China stands ready to join hands with other Asian countries, including Myanmar in holding high the banner of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and work together to establish a fair and equitable new international political and economic order, and bring a more peaceful, stable, prosperous and developed Asia into the 21st century." (NLM 12/27)

Dec. 27: Special four-page supplement, with three pages of photos of Premier Li Peng's arrival, and article, Myanmar's Neighbour and True Friend, People's Republic of China, by Min Ye Kaungbon. (NLM 12/27)

Dec. 27: Editorial. Concrete step. ["We fully endorse the views of both leaders, and that the visit, as Premier Li Peng has envisioned, will yield positive results and further facilitate the growth of existing friendly relations between our two countries both in scope and depth."]

Dec. 27: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe received Chinese Premier Li Peng, and discussions were held between the top Myanmar and Chinese officials. Later, the Premier visited the Yangon-Thanyin Bridge [built with Chinese aid-- HCMacD.].

Madame Zhu Lin visited the Gems Emporium, accompanied by Dr. Daw Khin Win Shwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt), Daw Khin Than Nwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo), Daw Khin Kyi (wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw), Daw Tin Aye Win (wife of Myanmar Ambassador to China U Set), and Daw Win Win May (wife of Military Attache Col. Thein Kyi).

News Conference: Director Mr. Chen Jian of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Information Department briefed media personnel on the visit, which he said strengthened existing traditional friendship. "He went on to clarify that Premier Li Peng pointed out as China-Myanmar border trade has made considerable achievement, further progress could be made through necessary coordination. The PRC Government would encourage companies and economic enterprises in the PRC to cooperate with Myanmar in different forms including implementation of certain major projects. Enterprises should be the core of cooperation, the official quoted Premier Li Peng as saying."

The two leaders also discussed drug abuse control; Premier Li Peng lauded Myanmar efforts, and said that "PRC wishes to step up anti-drug drive in cooperation with Myanmar and UN agencies," and said that "producing, consuming and trafficking nations are equally responsible for combating the danger of narcotic drugs." Senior General Than Shwe "made it clear that the problem would be solved through development projects for the hill regions in the north."

After discussing the current international situation, the spokesman said Premier Li Peng said "China opposes the policy practised by other countries in bullying and influencing others and the country will never practice such a policy of bullying and influencing other countries and it will never plan to gain influence over others. As China opposes other countries interfering in the internal affairs of the country it will never interfere in the internal affairs of other countries. The Government and the people of each and every country have the right to choose the social system and development path which are suitable to the prevailing situation of respective country. He said the Premier has mentioned that China has proposed and urged all the time for all to respect the culture, traditions and religious belief of each and every country." The Premier invited Senior General Than Shwe to visit China "at any

convenient time."

The Chinese spokesman then quoted Senior General Than Shwe as saying that "diplomatic contacts and ties between Myanmar Naing-Ngan and Western countries are being resumed. Myanmar Naing-Ngan gives more priority to its diplomatic activities with the countries in the region. The relations between Myanmar and ASEAN countries have gained new grounds.

Chinese Minister of Communications Mr. Huang Zhendong called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (NLM 12/28)

Dec. 28: Editorial: Strengthening of friendship. ["In the two days that Premier Li Peng has been here before winding up the official goodwill visit with a Press meet, we have been able to accord warm hospitality as befits a true and honoured friend, who, despite his onerous duties of State, took time out to come to us to work for the further strengthening of friendship.... China is ahead of Myanmar in development in more ways than we might imagine. That is an advantage for us in seeking the skills and expertise to help us similarly forge ahead. To the positive achievements of our leaders' talks, Madame Zhu Lin has added her grace and charm, which has made the visit more complete...."]

Dec. 28: News Conference: Premier Li Peng visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, and later gave a News Conference, saying that "the visit was short but had achieved complete success," details of which would appear in the Joint Communique.

In response to a question from Xinhua News Agency, he reviewed Myanmar-Chinese friendship, and "pointed out that border trade had made considerable progress during the past years. He assured that efforts would be made for further progress.

In response to a question from U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency about human rights in China and Myanmar, and citing Western commentaries that China's support for Myanmar "is aimed at looking for an outlet to the Indian Ocean," the Premier "replied developing countries have their own views on human rights. The concept of human rights is very extensive. He said China shares the same view on human rights with many Asian countries, actually with many other developing countries. He said he can give the names of those countries that include Myanmar. As to reports of Western news agencies that his visit was aimed at establishing China's military influence on the Indian Ocean, he said it is sheer fabrication.... China...will never engage in any hegemonistic activities and actually it has not stationed a single soldier abroad. He pointed out that as the mediamen could see there was no military personnel in his delegation. So, the delegation had not discussed military matters with Myanmar, he said.

In response to a question from U Maung Maung of Jiji Press, the Premier praised Myanmar's economic development, beauty, and tourist attractions.

In response to a question from Mr. Hirotsugu Tamura, Chief of Asahi Shimbun Singapore Bureau, concerning China's solution to the Tiananmen issue and "the view of the Premier on finding a solution to the problem of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issue in Myanmar," the Premier "replied that the matter of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is Myanmar's internal affairs and he would not interfere. He spoke of the difference between China and the West. He said the matter of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was not discussed in his meetings. He said Myanmar friends told him they would give priority to national reconciliation and wished them success. The Premier said political stability is important and economic progress would be impossible without it. Political stability should be given priority for any task, he said."

In response to questions from the China People's Daily and Kyemon Daily, the Premier spoke generally of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

In response to a question from U Hla Htwe of Nikkei and Antara news agencies, noting that there had been expectations of a signed bilateral agreement during the visit, the Premier said the visit "was to enhance mutual understanding and to lay more solid foundation for

cooperation in future.... Concerning the signing of bilateral agreement, he said competent officials would sign them at an appropriate time. He said it would not be necessary for such agreements to be signed in the presence of top leaders of the two countries as it was only a matter of formality."

In response to a question from Jing Xiaolin of China News Service about policy towards Chinese resident in Myanmar (with whom the Premier had met), he "replied that Chinese nationals would have to abide by the laws and rules of the host nations. They would have to live in friendship and closely together with the people of those nations. He said he believed Chinese nationals would be able to contribute towards Myanmar's economic development.... He said China has no intention to make capital out of overseas Chinese. He said he also believed overseas Chinese would be able to live in friendship with the people of the nation concerned and contribute towards further promoting friendship between the two countries."

Joint Communique: A lengthy Joint Communique was issued [full text in NLM], listing those present at the meeting between the Premier and the SLORC Chairman. Myanmar informed the Premier of its "far reaching constitutional, political, economic and social changes...and...efforts to secure national reconciliation." The Premier informed Myanmar of "China's reform, opening up and its building of socialism and its views and position on the international situation." Both sides recalled the 40th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, endorsed them, and "believed that the countries of the world should have the right to freely choose their own social system and road of development according to their traditions, culture, historical background and popular aspirations." They "expressed their readiness to work for regional peace, security, stability and economic development." China praised Myanmar's economic development efforts. The two sides "reaffirmed their desire to further promote cooperation in the economic, agricultural, environmental, cultural, tourism, forestry, educational and scientific affairs, as well as in combatting illicit drugs." The Premier invited Senior General Than Shwe to visit China "at a convenient time," and the General accepted "with pleasure" and invited Chinese President Jiang Zemin to visit Myanmar.

Premier Li Peng departed at noon for China, leaving a message of thanks to Senior General Than Shwe "for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to us." [two pages of photos] (NLM 12/29)

Dec. 29: Editorial: Fresh impetus. ["The Premier's visit is not just another one. It is a milestone that bears testimony for mutual regard and cooperation."]

Japanese Delegations

Dec. 15: Mr. Tatsuro Izumiya, leader of the Japanese War Veterans Organization (Myanmar), and author of Minami Kikan, recipient of the Aung San Tagun Title, was received by the Chief of No. 1 Bureau of Special Operations SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. He was accompanied by Mr. Toshiaka Matsumura of Kyodo Television, Japan. [The Minami Kikan was the Japanese military intelligence unit that smuggled Aung San and the "30 Comrades" out of Burma just before the outbreak of World War II--HCM] (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 20: Deputy Director Mr. Eiichi Kawahara of the Grant Aid Division of the Economic Cooperation Bureau, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, accompanied by the Japanese Ambassador. (NLM 12/21)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Dec. 17: A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye returned to Yangon after studying occupation hazards safety measures and health in Thailand and Hong Kong Dec. 8-15, at the invitation of ILO and UNICEF. Members were Col. Khin Nyo of the

Ministry of Defence and Director U Okka of the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 19: A delegation led by Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development left for China to study "construction of cities and modern human settlements" at the invitation of the Teinxin Municipal Government. In the delegation are five members of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, three Public Works architects, five private architects, and seven representatives of construction enterprises-- Yuzana Co. Ltd., Top Star Co. Ltd., Khit Shayhsaung Co. Ltd., Dagon Phuntphyo Co. Ltd., RCI Co. Ltd., Olympic Co. Ltd., and Shwe Kyah Byan Co. Ltd. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 22: A 7-member youth delegation led by Director-General U Tin Tun of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, returned from a 10-day study tour of Japan. The delegation, which left on Dec. 11, visited factories, universities, research institutes and other places in Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka. (NLM 12/23)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Dec. 9: Executive Director U Myo Lwin of the Myanmar Red Cross Society left for Australia to attend the Dec. 12-14 Second Regional Conference on International Law in Canberra. (NLM 12/10)

Religious Delegations

Dec. 13: A Buddhist Mission led by Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee [SSMNC] Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhita left for Sri Lanka. Members are Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the SSMNC Bhaddanta Kumara, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin, Additional Director U Hla Ko of the Religious Affairs Department, Assistant Director U Min Kyi of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Cultural Adviser Tampawady U Win Maung, and Gold Embroidery U Sein Myint. (NLM 12/14) // Dec. 25: The mission returned. (NLM 12/26)

Cultural Delegations

Nov. 30: A cultural delegation led by Deputy Director U Ba Hsan of the Fine Arts Department left for China. He was accompanied by Assistant Director U Maung Maung of the Fine Arts Department Mandalay Division, Assistant Director U Tin Soe of the Archaeology Department, Head of Division U Khin Maung Win of the Ministry of Culture, and Staff Officer U On Khan Kat of the Department of Cultural Institute. (NLM 12/1) // Dec. 14: The delegation returned. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 8: A 29-member cultural delegation led by Assistant Director U Po Tha of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, including Daw Thida Win's Moe Nat Thuza troupe, left for Chiangrai, Thailand, to participate in the Kong Valley Traditional Cultural Festival. The delegations "will perform Myanmar traditional dances, serve Myanma traditional food and sell sea food." (NLM 12/9) // Dec. 17: The delegation returned. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 18: A four-member women's delegation led by Dr. Khin Win Shwe left for Indonesia on a goodwill visit at the invitation of Indonesian Minister of Women's Affairs Hji Mien Sugandhi. Other members are Prof. Dr. Kyu Kyu Swe, Prof. Dr. May May Yi, Dr. Nyo Nyo, and Dr. Khin Mya May. (NLM 12/19) // Dec. 25: The delegation returned. (NLM 12/26)

Dec. 27: A cultural delegation led by Deputy Director U Thant Zin of the Research and Training Branch of Fine Arts Department left by air for Lashio, to travel to China by road on a two-week study visit. Members are Assistant Director U Sein Myint Aung of Cultural Institute Department, Assistant Engineer U Kyaw Oo of Planetarium, Assistant Director U Tin Htut of Archaeology Department, Research Officer U Tin Maung Lwin of Research and Training Branch (Fine Arts Department), Myanmarsar lecturer Daw Khin Kywe Oo of the University of Culture, Assistant Lecturer of Music U Ye Nwe and Staff Officer U Su Aung of Production Division in Mandalay. (NLM 12/28)

Deputy Home Minister to Laos

Dec. 24: A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col. Tin Hlaing left for Laos at the invitation of Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr. Vilayvanh Phonke. Members are Director-General U Aung Thein, Directors U Kyaw and U Maung Win, and Assistant Director U Aye Kyaw of the General Administration Department, Head of the Shan State GAD U Sai Tun Hla, and Head of the Tachilek Township GAD U Htay Maung. (NLM 12/25)

Delegations Return

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

Dec. 6: The delegation led by Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein visited Japan Nov. 26-Dec. 4. On Nov. 26, the delegation met Myanmar Embassy staff in Tokyo. On Nov. 28, the delegation met with Additional Minister of Transport Mr. Masuhida Ochi, Director-General of Railways Department Mr. Hiramichi Toya, and Minister for Transport Mr. Shizuka Kamei. They also met with Additional Minister Mr. Hakuo Yanagisawa of the Foreign Ministry. On Nov. 29, the delegation visited the Hitachi Seiki Plant near Tokyo and "inspected equipment purchased for Myanma Railways," and studied the Tokyo subway. Later, the delegation visited Fukuoka on Kyushu Island, to study railways, and railway equipment production and maintenance. They studied the Sinkansen Bullet Train and diesel engines. (NLM 12/7) // Dec. 16: The delegation visited China from Dec. 6-11. It called on Chinese Minister of Railways Mr. Han Zhu Bin on Dec. 7, and studied the model of the West Beijing Railway Station. It paid a courtesy call on Deputy Premier Mr. Li Lianqing. On Dec. 8, the delegation visited Qi Qi Har Town by special train, and studied railway car construction and maintenance. On Dec. 11 the delegation studied rail engine and coach construction at Qing Dao Town in Shandong Province, and discussed the purchase of 4 1,200 HP diesel engines and parts for 30 passenger coaches by March 1995. (NLM 12/16) // Dec. 18: On Dec. 12-15, the delegation went to Kunming, and visited the new Guantong-Dali railroad construction project near the China-Myanmar border. It returned to Myanmar on Dec. 18. (NLM 12/ 19)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Dec. 7: U Myo Myint, General Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, to be Managing Director, Myanma Sugarcane Industries, Ministry of Agriculture. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 21: Prof. U Win Maung, Myanmarsar Department, Monywa Degree College, to be Principal, Myitkyina Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education. (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 29: Col. Soe Win (BC/11096), Commander of Tactical Operations Command, Yangon Command, to be Director-General, People's Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs. (NLM 12/30)

Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following:

Dec. 7: Dr. Mya Maung, Managing Director, Myanma Agriculture Service, to be Director-General, Agriculture Planning Department, Ministry of Agriculture.

U Sein Win, Managing Director, Myanma Sugarcane Industries, to be Managing Director, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 21: Dr. Maung Kyaw, Principal of Myitkyina Degree College, to be Principal, Bago Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education. (NLM 12/ 22)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Dec. 21: U Kyaw Myint as Director-General, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Trade.

U Myint Maung as Managing Director, Myanma Jute Industries, Ministry of Agriculture.

U Than Shwe as Managing Director, Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry-1. (NLM 12/22)

GOVERNMENT

Legal Articles

[Articles, mostly dealing with narcotics law, reviewing statutes and recent court cases.]

Dec. 11: Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and its effectiveness, by KMO. [Recent legal cases involving narcotics.]

Dec. 26: Passing sentences on drug traffickers in consonance with the directives issued by the Supreme Court, by KMO. ["... sentences inflicted on drug traffickers... are found to be deterrent and effective and in consonance with the directives issued by the Supreme Court."]

New Deputy Tourism Minister

Nov. 30: SLORC Notification No. 55/94 of Nov. 30, Appointment of Deputy Minister, provides that [full text]:

"The State Law and Order Restoration Council has appointed Brig-Gen. Tin Aye as Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism." (NLM 12/1)

National Environment Policy

Dec. 6: Government Notification No. 26/94 of December 5, 1994, proclaims the following [full text]:

To establish sound environmental policies in the utilization of water, land, forests, mineral, marine resources and other natural resources in order to conserve the environment and prevent its degradation, the Government of the Union of Myanmar hereby adopts the following policy:-

"The wealth of a nation is its people, its cultural heritage, its environment and its natural resources. The objective of Myanmar's environment policy is aimed at achieving harmony and balance between these through the integration of environmental considerations into the development process to enhance the quality of the life of all its citizens. Every nation has the sovereign right to utilize its natural resources in accordance with its environmental policies; but great care must be taken not to exceed its jurisdiction or infringe upon the interests of other nations. It is the responsibility of the State and every citizen to preserve its natural resources in the interest of present and future generations. Environmental protection should always be the primary objective in seeking development."
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs Press Release, NLM 12/7)

Union Day

Dec. 14: The 48th Anniversary Union Day Committee was established by SLORC Notification 57/94 of Dec. 14. Chairman: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Vice-Chairmen: SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and Yangon Commander Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. Thirty-three members and a secretary named.

National Objectives for Union Day:

1. For all nationals to uphold with spirit of patriotism Our Three Main National Causes--non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national consolidation and perpetuation of national sovereignty;
2. For all nationals to join hands with the Tatmadaw in endeavours for national reconciliation directed towards national unity;
3. For all nationals to exert collective efforts for the nation to emerge prosperous, peaceful and modern; and
4. For all nationals to strive in oneness, based on spirit

of Union, for the emergence of an enduring Constitution. (NLM 12/15)

Political Pensions Raised

Dec. 29: SLORC Law No. 9/94 of Dec. 29, Law Amending the Political Pension Law, reads [full text]:

In order to contribute to the food, clothing and shelter needs of the families of deceased personnel, family pensions of deceased personnel were increased from one-half of the pension received by the deceased personnel to three-quarters of the same. In conformity with this increase and as it is necessary to also increase in a similar manner, the political pension allowed to the wife or husband of the personnel who was allowed to enjoy political pension, the State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby enacts the following Law:

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Political Pension Law.

2. The expression "one-half of the monthly political pension" contained in Section 16 of the Political Pension Law shall be substituted by the expression "three-quarters of the monthly political pension." (NLM 12/30)

MILITARY

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Dec. 2: A platoon commander from a Mon armed group returned to the legal fold on Nov. 24 [name and details]. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 19: Two youths forcibly recruited into the Loimaw drug trafficking group surrendered on Dec. 1 at Maukmai camp [names and details]. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 22: A member of the ABSDF armed group surrendered at Palauk camp on Dec. 11 [name and details]. (NLM 12/23)

Dec. 23: Three members of the ABSDF armed group surrendered at Laiktho camp on Dec. 16 [names and details]. (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 26: Between Nov. 1-14, 13 members of various armed groups returned to legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 12/ 27)

Dec. 28: Nine members of the Loimaw drug trafficking group returned to legal fold on Dec. 21 at Hokho village [names and details]. (NLM 12/29)

Dec. 29: Between Nov. 15-30, 14 members of various armed groups returned to legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 12/30)

Dec. 30: Two members of the ABSDF armed group returned to legal fold on Dec. 13 at Theindaw camp [names and details]. (NLM 12/31)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Dec. 12: Souvenirs for Myanma Tourism Year, by Ye Maung. [Items of interest to foreign tourists are woodcarvings, jade, lacquerware, silverware, gold embroidery, paintings, national costumes, etc.]

Dec. 15: Cruise-liner tourists find Myanmar delightful, exciting, by Thein Htut. [Passenger Patricia J. Collins of the USA, visiting Myanmar on the m/s Pearl, was pleasantly surprised. Equally pleased was veteran visitor Leona Bee from Florida, while Richard and Shirlee Bouligny of Bolpes Christi [sic], Texas, corrected misconceptions about safety (and potholes) in Yangon. Canadians Leon Rubinstein of Toronto, and Mayor Louis Sekora of Coquitlam City were also impressed. Tour ship visit reviewed.]

Dec. 21: Shan State and its lovely spots of scenic beauty, by Soe Naung. [Beauties of Inle Lake, Taunggyi, etc., and tourist facilities.]

Inauguration of Economic Projects

Dec. 5: Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi on Dec. 3 attended the inauguration of the Magway Department Store at Bogyoke Street and Pyidawtha Street in Magway. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 10: A dinner celebrated the "soft launch" of the 250-room Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road, "constructed with full percent

investment of System-bilt (Myanmar) Ltd. Among those present were SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and other Myanmar officials, Ambassadors, President Mr. Lye Fei of Chartered Industries (Singapore), Chairman Mr. Goh Cheng Liang and Managing Director Mr. Koh Boon Hwee of Liang Court Co., President Mr. Wong Kok Siew of Singapore Technologies Industrial Corporation, Chairman Datuk Aw It Haw of Timas Company, Chairman Mr. Stewart Yen of System-bilt (Myanmar) Ltd. and others. (NLM 12/11)

Dec. 17: A three-building modern market, costing over K 400 million, will be built on 370,000 square feet on Bogyoke Aung San Street, between 38th and Seikkantha Streets, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, within 24 months. It will replace the former 38th Street Market. The new market will include department stores and hotels, and is undertaken by Asia Express Co. Ltd. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 22: The Namti Sugar Mill of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprises opened on Dec. 21 in Kachin State. The mill will produce 4,500 tons of sugar from purchased 9,000 tons of "treackle." (NLM 12/23)

Dec. 24: A new two-lane asphalt road linking the Bagan-Nyaung U Airport and the Thiripyitsaya Hotel was commissioned on Dec. 23. The six-mile road will be called Anawrahta Road. (NLM 12/25)

Dec. 30: The divergent weir of Tabula (Okkan) Dam, in Taikkyi Township, was dedicated by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. It will irrigate 52,000 acres. The Secretary noted that under the SLORC, 40 irrigation projects befitting 614,340 acres have been completed, and 35 others are under construction and will benefit 2,035,631 acres. (NLM 12/30)

Dec. 30: Myanma Shipyards launched three more 800-ton barges for the Machinery Import/Export Corporation (MIEC) of Yunnan Province, China, in the presence of MIEC Vice President Mr. Zhang Jin Wen. Six others were delivered on Aug. 3 and Nov. 14. (NLM 12/31)

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Dec. 2: Full page advertisement from Myanmar Airways
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beginning Dec. 9, bringing the total to four. (NLM 12/2) // Dec. 7:
Full page advertising supplement from Myanmar Airways International,
announcing the arrival on another B737-400. (NLM 12/7) // Dec. 9:
Full page advertising supplement from Myanmar Airways International,
announcing an additional weekly flight to Singapore. (NLM 12/9) //
Dec. 11: Full page advertising supplement from Myanmar Airways
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International Business Projects

Dec. 2: An agreement was signed between the Myanmar Medical Association and the SSGA of Japan under which SSGA "will provide vehicles, medicines, surgical instruments and other appliances valued at over US\$ 80,000 for the project on 'Prevention of HIV/AIDS Among High Risk Groups in Yangon City Development Area. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 8: A BOT (Build, Operate, and Transfer) contract was signed between the Department of Civil Aviation and Austral Amalgamated Tin Berhad of Malaysia (AAT), represented by Director Mr. Lai Weng Kong, for the construction of the Airport Hotel at Yangon International Airport. The 121-room hotel will cost 5 million dollars, and will take 18 months and is expected to open on May 1, 1996. AAT will run the hotel for 30 years, and then turn it over to the Department of Civil Aviation. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 14: A Joint Venture called CMS Translink Parami Logistics (Myanmar) was established, "in freight management, warehousing and distribution logistics and project forwarding," with an authorized capital of K 6 million. Three companies are involved, two of them connected with Singapore Technology Industrial Co. (STIC): Chartered Materials and Services (a STIC subsidiary); Trans-Link Express Pte. Ltd. (a STIC associate), and Paragon Cargo Trading Co. Ltd. of Myanmar. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 15: A memorandum of understanding was signed between Mitsui & Co. Ltd. of Japan, represented by Executive Vice-President Mr. Akira Utsumi, and PL International Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Managing Director Mr. K.K. Lee (a) U Kyan Khinn, to establish a Corrugated Iron Roofing Sheet Factory in Myanmar. It will be operated "under the mutually beneficial cooperation with the Myanmar company and Dekhina Trading Enterprise Inc." (NLM 12/16)

Dec. 16: A contract was signed between Myanma Timber Enterprise (MTE) and Idris Hydraulic (Malaysia) Bhd., represented by Group Managing Director Mr. Ishak bin Ismail, to operate the No. 75 Sawmill in Ohbotaung Village, Monywa Township, on a joint venture basis. MTE will share US\$ 5.88 million and Idris US\$ 6.12 million initially. The mill will saw 12,000 tons of logs per year, and produce kiln-dried planks and other finished timber projects. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 16: A contract of mutual agreement was signed between the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, President Mr. Chali Sophonpanich of City Realty Co., and Managing Director Mr. Matthew Kuan of Thai Industrial Connection (Ticon) Co., on behalf of Royal Lake Hotel Co. of Thailand, to lease a 3.7 acre lot on the corner of Natmuk Road and Po Sein Road for 30 years to operate the Royal Lake Hotel. Also present were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba and Chairman Chatri Sophonpanich of Bangkok Bank. In the first phase, a 200-room hotel will be constructed for US\$ 30 million, to open in early 1997. In the second phase, construction of a 16-floor hotel will continued. Also present were several Myanmar Minister, Vice Presidents Mr. Vivat Suthiphongchai and Mr. Robert Phillip Holmes of City Realty Co., President Mr. T. Fujimoto of Hazama (Thailand) Co., President Mr. T. Oikawa of Thai Koei Co., President Mr. Maruto of Mitsui (Thailand) Co., and others. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 22: An agreement for the installation of a 1,000 line cellular telephone network in Mandalay was signed between Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Northern Telecom/Loxley Public Co. Ltd. "The Mandalay cellular telephone network will apply the better Dual Mode Amps System which can use both Analog Amps and Digital Amps systems. The microwave stations will be in Mandalay and Sagaing." (NLM 12/23)

Dec. 29: A Contract was signed between Myanma Railways (represented by Managing Director Thura U Thauung Lwin) and Messers Joint Venture of China Road and Bridge Corporation (represented by Chairman Mr. Zhu Shenliang) and Shandong Native Produce Import and Export Corporation for purchase of steel bridge beams for the

Chindwin River Bridge Project valued at US\$ 10 million. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed for purchase of engines, coaches, spare parts and machines for Myanmar Railways (US\$ 35 million) and spare parts for Road Transport (US\$ 5 million) with loans from China National Complete Plant Import and Export (Group) Yunnan Corporation (represented by Chairman Mrs. Zhang Lianju). (NLM 12/30)+

Domestic Business Projects

Dec. 19: Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Notification No. 53/94 of Dec. 19, Formation of the Myawaddy Trading Limited, establishes the company as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. for the purpose of "carrying out general trading locally and abroad," with an authorized capital of K 20 million divided into 20,000 shares of K 1,000. Managing Director is Brig-Gen. Win Hlaing, and Director is U Myint Swe. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 20: The Myanmar Electric Light Cooperative Society Ltd. was formed, under Chairman of the Board of Directors U Kyaw Myint. The society is located at 197-199 Lower Kyimyindine Road, Ahlon Township, Yangon, and will engage in surveys, construction, etc. of all kinds of power projects, including installation of 400-volt and 33-KV power lines, underground cable, etc. (NLM 12/21)

Medical & Pharmaceutical Exposition

Nov. 30: The Myanmar Medical and Pharmaceutical Expo '94 opened at Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road, with an address by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who noted that "Singapore stands first as an investor and trading partner to Myanmar.... Up to this date we have 17 countries investing with 113 direct investments amounting to 1.3 billion US dollar...." His speech was followed by Managing Director Mr. Koh Sim Seng of Applied Investments (Asia) Pte. Ltd., who thanked the Myanmar officials who had helped with the Exposition, saying "The gestation period has been extremely short and today parturition has taken place, naturally without the need for any caesarian. It portends well for both mother and infant. Duo gratis [sic]." He went on to say that Expo '94 "is designed not only for ecopolitical and geo-political reasons but also as part of the genuine effort on the part of the Myanmar Government to upgrade the practice of medical science so that the populace can enjoy the benefits of medical science. It is simply symptomatic of the caring, compassionate and empathetic attitude of the Government towards the people...." (NLM 12/1)

Agriculture

Dec. 2: The Myanmar Jute Enterprise has bought over 18.1 million viss of jute in Ayeyarwady, Bago, and Yangon Divisions, as of Nov. 30. This is more than the total target for the year, indeed of the last ten years; the jute purchase season lasts until February. (NLM 12/3)

Aviation

Dec. 7: A Boeing 737-400, leased by Myanmar Airways International (MAI) from the Malaysian Airline System, arrived with MAI Managing Director Mr. Wong Fong Gui and Director (Operations) Mr. Wu Ling Siow on board. Flights on the Bangkok-Yangon route will be increased from seven to ten, and on the Yangon-Singapore route from three to four. Beginning Dec. 21, MAI will fly the Yangon-Dhaka route, and there are plans for direct connections to Kuala Lumpur and Kunming. In the first half of Fiscal 1994-95, MAI had a profit of 800,000 dollars. Plans are afoot for "operation of flights with Air India...." (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: Myanmar Airways International on Nov. 9 inaugurated its Yangon-Kuala Lumpur-Yangon route with a 146-seat Boeing 737-400 leased from the Malaysian Airline System. With the new airplane leased, other routes will be increased, and a Yangon-Dhaka-Yangon route inaugurated on Dec. 21. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 28: Air Mandalay has acquired a second ATR 72-210 QC, which arrived from France. "Air Mandalay will extent its existing Yangon/Mandalay/Bagan/Heho flights. Moreover, it will also fly to Chiang Main, Chiang Rai and Phuket in Thailand." (NLM 12/29)

Banking

Dec. 9: The Thai Farmers Bank, represented by Governor Retired Police General Pow Sarasin, opened a representative office at 52 U Wisara Road, Yangon. The bank, the second largest in Thailand, has 452 domestic and 11 foreign representative offices. (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 17: A dinner was held to mark the opening of the Yangon branch representative office of the United Overseas Bank, in the presence of several ministers, bank Governor Mr. Wee Cho Yaw, and branch representative Mr. Choo Sin Hua. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 19: A representative office of the Bank of Ayudhya Public Co. Ltd. was opened at 71 Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, in the presence of Myanmar officials and Bank President Mr. Anant Tangtatswas. (NLM 12/20)

Dec. 26: The Central Bank of Myanmar has raised the Central Bank Discount Rate from 11% per annum to 12.5% per annum (an increase of 1.5%), effective January 1, 1995. (NLM 12/27)

Dec. 30: Myanma Oriental Bank (MOB) opened its Shwebontha Branch at 264/464 on the corner of Anawrahta and Shwebontha Streets, Yangon. The bank will provide various services, including an MOB credit card. (NLM 12/31)

Privatization

Dec. 9: Myanmar Privatization Committee held its 1/94 meeting at the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), under chairmanship of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. "The Secretary-1 said...the Senior General...had stressed privatization in expediting for nation's economic progress, saying the Committee should introduce privatization, moving towards promoting the country's production, permitting more rights to local entrepreneurs and enabling them to enjoy better terms of benefit. The committee should arrange proper systems, sell-off or inviting shares, in transferring government owned enterprises, except from services which are essential to be undertaken by the State, to private hands, said the Secretary-1. Next, Minister Brig-Gen. Abel presented lists of services proposed for privatization on which Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and members of the committee coordinated. They fixed prices for services to be privatized and scrutinized them to transfer to the private sector and the cooperative sector and to invite shares." (NLM 12/10)

Tourism

Dec. 11: The cruiseliner m/s Pearl, with 297 tourists, arrived in Yangon, and the passengers went sightseeing in Yangon and Bago. Tomorrow, some will go to Bagan, before they rejoin the ship on Dec. 13. (NLM 12/12) // Dec. 13: The liner left. (NLM 12/14) // Dec. 14: Myanmar departments and economic institutions earned US\$ 100,559 from the visit. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 25: Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win inspected steel bridges for the Central Floating Hotel Yangon Project being undertaken by the Myanma Port Authority at Wadan Jetty. He "stressed the need for Waterway Department to arrange in preparation for the conditions and changes around the jetty after completion of the floating hotel. There can be pollution after opening the 130-room floating hotel, he said, underscoring the need for laying down plans in cooperation with the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Yangon City Development Committee. He also stressed the need to instantly transfer the floating hotel from Thilawa Jetty to Wadan Jetty after completion of the project." (NLM 12/26)

Dec. 28: The cruiseliner m/v Mermoz, operated by Croisieres Paquet of France, arrived with 341 tourists from France and other countries. Crew and staff are 306. The tourists toured Yangon, and on Dec. 29 will visit Yangon, Bago, and Bagan in three groups. (NLM

12/29) // Dec. 29: Groups toured Yangon, Bago, and Bagan. (NLM 12/30)
// Dec. 31: The ship departed. Souvenir shops opened at the Jetty
earned US\$ 98,053. (NLM 12/31)

Gems and Jade Sales

Dec. 13: Under the interim sales program, the Myanma Gems Enterprise will sell raw and polished jade to foreign gems merchants, and to citizens with foreign exchange accounts. Jade may be inspected on Dec. 28-29, and tenders will be scrutinized on Dec. 30. (NLM 12/14) // Dec. 28: The interim jade sale began; 456 lots of unpolished jade will be sold with a floor price of nearly K 18 million (over US\$ 3 million). Jewellery and jade figurines will be sold at fixed prices. 54 foreign merchants from 4 countries, and 47 locals, are participating so far. (NLM 12/29) // Dec. 29: 68 foreign merchants from 4 countries and 53 locals inspected jade lots, etc. (NLM 12/30) // Dec. 30: At the sale, gem merchants bought 104 lots of jade for US\$ 1,063,850 (K 6,146,713) out of 456 lots on sale. Jewellery and figurines brought US\$ 86,631 (K 500,535). (NLM 12/31)

Dec. 24: A Gems Trading Centre will be opened in Dagon Myothit in January 1995 "for enhancing in free trade gems," said SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. Panglong Market will become Panglong Yadana Market. (NLM 12/25)

Myanmar Jeeps For Sale

Dec. 13: A showroom of the new Myanmar jeep models manufactured by Myanma Heavy Industries opened at the Shwe Myanmar Department Store, in the presence of MHI Managing Director U Myint Thein Lwin, and Managing Director U Lwin Swe of Myanmar Fritz Werner Industrial Co. Jeeps in two designs, MJ-1 and MJ-2 "were manufactured with innovative skills of MHI technicians." Even the press dies used for manufacture were invented and produced in Myanmar. The jeeps "have proper balance and are suitable for mountain roads. They also spoke of safe and easy control even at 80 mph. At 30 mph, the jeeps can go more than 20 miles per gallon. There occurs no overheating of engines. Wind resistance is lower than the original Mazda Jeeps." There are plans to manufacture three designs. "The jeeps in the new designs will be sold beginning this day not only to the departments but also to private individuals on cash down basis. If there is no stock, customers are to deposit 25 per cent of the cost. Delivery date will then be fixed. He also spoke of no restrictions in the case of changing hands after the purchase." (NLM 12/14)

Business Organizations

Dec. 17: The Myanmar Industrial Producers Association held its first annual meeting, under the chairmanship of U Htein Win. Discussion "focused on formation of an Industrial Development Holdings Co. Ltd." (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 17: The Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise held its first biannual meeting for 1994-95, and was addressed by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen. Tin Aye. Total sales in the first six months were K 530 million, against a target of K 560 million. Exports were US\$ 277,634, profits were K 111.7 million. (NLM 12/18) // Dec. 19: Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba said the Ministry "has to strive for earning foreign exchange. FE can be earned through export, he said. if there are losses, statistics should be kept for taking appropriate measures to recover the losses, he said. He advised them not to spend off all the allocated funds near the end of the fiscal year. The surplus should be returned systematically, he said." (NLM 12/20)

Township Development Committees

Dec. 23: Speaking at the close of On-Job Training Course for Grade-1 Level Management Personnel of Township Development Committees, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint noted that the number of township committees has increased from 243 in 1988 to 284 at present.

The SLORC, he said, has provided one billion kyats to the committees, but "they have to expedite for the development of their respective Townships on self-reliance basis in the future.... Other than collecting taxes, which is their main source of income, they should find other means such as participating in various businesses and trades to raise their fund, he said, and urged them to explain with patience and to organize tax-payers to understand their duty.... In conclusion, he urged them to improve their ability, to work in conformity with the existing rules and regulations, to ensure equal ratio between income and expenditure of the committees, to organize the public to know that the committees' task is for the public's benefit, to avoid bribery and to take part in the State's endeavours for the emergence of the enduring State Constitution." 88 trainees have completed the three-week course. (NLM 12/24)

Business Registrations

Dec. 30: During the months October-December 1994, the Companies Registration Office of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has registered 370 companies, 47 foreign company branches, and 22 partnerships. This brings the totals to 4,543 companies, 411 foreign company branches, and 1,032 partnerships. (NLM 12/31)

Rainfall in Yangon

Rainfall, in inches, at Yangon's three weather stations of Yangon Airport (YA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Yangon (CY) was:

	YA	KA	CY
1987	97.01	100.98	95.43
1988	99.17	100.00	107.76
1989	96.22	100.59	102.76
1990	118.35	109.92	122.84
1991	91.81	83.78	96.65
1992	81.34	96.02	95.98
1993	82.64	111.18	95.12
1994, as of:			
December 1	120.16	120.94	116.77
December 15	120.16	120.94	117.36
December 30	120.16	120.94	117.36

SPORTS

Myanmar Teams and Delegations

Nov. 30: Yangon City won third prize in the Second Ho Chi Minh City Basketball Cup held from Nov. 20-25 in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. The Yangon City team included Than Htwe, Nyunt Han, Tun Win, Aung Naing Win, Tun Aung Thu, Hla Myint, Sai Hla Tun, Maung Maung Myint, Aung Kyaw Khaing, and Win Zaw. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 2: A 7-member women's rowing team returned from the 29th Regatta in Colombo, Sri Lanka, held Nov. 25-27, sponsored by the Far East Amateur Rowing Association. Meanwhile, at the Regatta, Sgt. Nyi Maung won gold in men's single sculls, and Khine Khine Aye and Swe Swe Oo won silver in women's double sculls. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 29: The XI General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), held at Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Dec. 14-16, was attended by 192 countries including Myanmar. The Myanmar Olympic Committee was granted "recognition" by ANOC for 15 years dedicated to unification of Olympism, and by the International Olympic Committee for its participation in the International Year of Sports. (NLM 12/30)

Foreign Teams and Delegations

Dec. 13: Chinese basketball coach Mr. Cheong Rui Sheng opened a Course on Basketball Techniques. (NLM 12/14)

Student Sports Festival

Nov. 30: The Fifth Student Sports Festival, in Myitkyina,

continued [detailed results]. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 3. Events continued on Nov. 30 [details]. (NLM 12/4)

Dec. 4: The KIO (Central), represented by Secretary of Central Education Division of Special Region-2 U Sum Lok Gam and by U Khun Nawng, U Brang Tawng, and Daw Bauk Tawng, donated K 2 million to the Students Sports Festival. Also, the Madaing Shayi Kachin traditional beauty contest was held on Dec. 2, with "fourteen damsels representing seven states and seven divisions.... The contest was held in accordance with Kachin tradition to perform Sut Manau, Ju Manau, Padang Manau, Kwang Yang Manau and Shaditphaw Manau as forms of worship to their traditional Padai Deity. The daughter of their Principal Deity Padai is named Madaing Shayi." In sporting events, Ayeyarwady Division won the Track and Field Championship. (NLM 12/5)

Dec. 5: The Festival continued. (NLM 12/6)

Dec. 7: Wa Wa Nu of Ayeyarwady was chosen Madaing Shayi Princess; she received a miniature pillar and a mace in jade, a jade crown, and K 100,000. The Festival continued. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: The Festival concluded in a grand finale at Nyeinchan Thaya Square in Myitkyina [details]. (NLM 12/90)

Traditional Regatta Festival

Nov. 30: The Objectives of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman's Bowl Sixth Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival are:

1. To bring forth and maintain Myanmar traditional rowing sports
2. To take up such festivals as a national duty based on Union spirit and Myanmar traditions
3. To demonstrate the unity of the Myanmar people
4. To promote physical and moral strength based on perseverance, diligence and tenacity
5. To bring forth collective action, sacrifice and team spirit as embodiment of nationalism
6. To nurture world-class rowers in consonance with the objective "Myanmar Sports--the World to Conquer" (NLM 12/1, repeated frequently)

Dec. 21: [Following several days of trial heats,] SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe attended the formal opening of the Regatta on Kandawgyi Lake, featuring a re-enactment of King Thayawady's pilgrimage to Dagon [in 1840--see Cultural Articles]. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt spoke at length, praising King Thayawady [Tharawaddy] and explaining in detail the re-enactment--with 27 boats and over 500 men--of the historic visit of the King to Yangon in 1840. "Though we have not been able to reproduce the exact magnitude of the original armada, we have made arrangements to represent the magnificence of the Royal Expedition and the Organization of the Naval Fleet. Our aim is to enable the younger generation of today to see for themselves how a patriotic and national-spirited leader like King Thayawady endeavoured to stir up national pride in national honour among the people at a time when colonialists were demonstrating their might...."

Contests continued.

Slogans published in NLM:

The Sixth Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival reminds us of the glory of sovereignty and the bitter lessons we must learn.

[It] is a magnificent re-enactment of the glory that was under our sovereigns-- glory we must cherish and perpetuate.

Lofty and grand cultural standards and blazing and glowing national spirit attained under the leadership of physically and intellectually accomplished national leaders usually decline and fade under foreign tutelage. The glaring instance of this should always be kept at heart and never forgotten.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council is energetically implementing, as a national duty, measures to reinvigorate and sharpen the national solidarity spirit, the patriotic spirit and the Union spirit which are qualities essential in building a new nation.

[two full pages of photos] (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 22: Editorial: Unity since time immemorial. ["In all its regal glory, King Tharawady's pilgrimage to Dagon, with which he combined an inspection and reinforcement of fortifications in the wake of the Yandabo Treaty, was re-enacted as the highlight of the opening ceremony of the Sixth Myanma Traditional Regatta Festival on Kandawgyi yesterday. A picture speaks a thousand words, it is said. A scene like that speaks volumes since it reflects honoured and noble objectives of the festival designed to revive and reinvigorate Myanma Traditions and Myanma pride, and to rejuvenate and strengthen the love of the Union and the nation.... The regatta reflects our national cultural and naval attainments and stir once again, as has always, the spirit of nationalism. All the world must know what Myanmar was, and is."]

Dec. 23: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and various Ministers attended the Regatta Festival, which was watched by "huge crowds." Semi-finals were held. (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 24: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe presented Championship Bowls to the Ministry of Construction and to Ayeyarwady Division. Other prizes were distributed, both to rowers and to winners of related cultural competitions. There was a grand finale re-enactment of King Thayawady's naval flotilla. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Patron of the Regatta, hosted a dinner for the cultural troupes involved in the Regatta. [two full pages of photos] (NLM 12/25)

Chairman's Golf Trophy

Dec. 17: The 1994 Golf Tourney for the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman's Trophy began, with SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe teeing off. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 18: The Ministry of Defence team won the tourney with 721 strokes, followed by the Ministry of Home Affairs with 773 and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue with 795. The individual prize was won by Lt-Col. Aye Ko of the Ministry of Defence. (NLM 12/19)

HEALTH

Health Articles

Dec. 1: Editorial: AIDS is a national concern. ["AIDS is a national concern. More accurately put, it is an international concern.... Myanmar tackles AIDS both at the national level and regional level. Public awareness of the danger has to be raised in order that the government's endeavours will be effective.... In the opinion of one authority...families whose bonds are based on love, trust, nurture and openness are best placed to protect their members from infection and to give compassionate care and support to those affected by HIV or AIDS. Families are also the place where the young learn to practise safe behaviour and reject discrimination. If we do our utmost within our families of choice--whether they are the people who share our house or those who share our planet--we will help immeasurably to defeat AIDS in every family.... The AIDS Project in this country has been working in concert with United Nations agencies and NGOs and others involved in combating the scourge, for we must share with the rest of the world the burden of fighting the problem with a strong alliance...."]

Dec. 3: International Day of Disabled Persons, by Soe Naung. [International Day of Disabled Persons. Five objectives of the Central Committee established by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement: (1) to help disabled persons participate in social community and organizations; (2) to make the public understand the benefits to be gained through measures for enabling the disabled persons to participate in human society; (3) to expose the skill of disabled persons; (4) to enhance friendly relations among the disabled persons; and (5) to enable the public to join hands with the government in the measures taken for rehabilitation of disabled persons.]

Dec. 8: Cataract and Intraocular lens (IOL), by Thinn Kyu Aye (Kyaukse). [Operation now carried out in "eye centres throughout Myanmar."]

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Dec. 5: Special show of 'New Treasure' and 'Feeling Wave', by Sein Myo Myint. [Visit to two commercial art galleries.]

Dec. 6,11,18,25: : The Cat Family -- Small Cats, by Col. Hla Aung (Retd). [Continuation of series. (11) Marbled Cat; Jaguarondi. (12) Kodkod; Tiger Cat. (13) Rusty-spotted cat; Mountain Cat. (14) Flat-headed Cat; Chinese Desert Cat.]

Dec. 7: Lokanat Gallery Anniversary and Orient Special Show, by Sein Myo Myint. [Two art shows that opened Dec. 1; that of Lokanat Gallery composed of established artists; that of the Orient composed of the "new generation".]

Dec. 12: King Tharawaddy's descent upon Dagon, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [In 1841, King Tharawaddy visited Yangon in state, ostensibly to worship at the Shwedagon Pagoda; was his real motive to overturn the Treaty of Yandabo? Background to the visit. Closure of the British Residency in Amarapura in 1840.]

Dec. 13, with correction Dec. 14: Flotilla of King Thayawady on a pilgrimage to Shwe Dagon pagoda, 1841, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Story continued: detailed description of royal boats and barges.]

Dec. 18: King Thayawady built a new town "Aung Mye Yan Hnin", by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Details of the King's voyage downriver. His new town, built at the foot of the Shwedagon Pagoda.]

Publications

Dec. 15: The Ministry of Trade published the second issue of Myanmar Business & Economic Review, a bi-monthly distributed to international corporations, investors, financiers, and manufacturers, and on sale at the Yangon Airport Duty Free Shop, Innwa Book Shop, and Sarpay Beikman Book Centre. It is managed by Myanmar Media International, a Yangon-based Singapore Company at 73 Pyay Road. Advertisers should call 26722. Articles may be sent to Business Advisory Group Ltd., 24-15 Front Wing, Bogyoke Market, Tel: 76206. (NLM 12/ 16)

Dec. 22: EYE Hotel Group (Eastern Yoma Estate-Investment Co. Ltd.) has issued a booklet, Discover the Wonder of Kanbawza, with the technical cooperation of Golden Myanmar (Business-Tourism) Magazine. The cover shows a "Padaung belle" [with neck rings]. (NLM 12/23)

Universities

Dec. 17: The first convocation of the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkathos of Yangon and Mandalay was held, conferring degrees of MA (Buddhism) on 47 Sayadaws and BA (Buddhism) on 45 Sayadaws. Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt spoke: "There are no Sasana Tekkathos in the world like those in Myanmar, the minister said, noting peculiar subjects lectured in accordance with Dhamma Vinaya, based on the four principles of Pariyatti education, in conformity with ancient Pitakat teaching techniques and modern university courses, and permission to study English, Sanskrit and modern subjects lectured in such a means to be proficient in Pali." (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 21: The Magway Degree College has been upgraded to University, according to a Ministry of Education notification dated Dec. 20, 1994. (NLM 12/22)

Dec. 22: The 73rd Convocation of Yangon University began, with Rector Dr. Tun Maung conferring the following degrees: MA (104 persons), MPhil. (101), BSc.(Hons) (345), BA (1,295), and BSc (2,062). (NLM 12/ 23)

Buddhist Culture Courses

Dec. 1: Speaking at the graduations ceremonies for the 11th

Buddhist Culture Course of Mayangon Township, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt "noted that with the advancement in transport and communications sectors, modes of dress, way of thinking, use of words and behaviour contrary to Buddhist culture and Myanmar cultural traditions penetrate the country. They young then easily ape them and as a result their behaviour and way of thinking run Counter to Myanmar cultural traditions and the teachings of the Buddha, he pointed out." Thus the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee issued Directive No. 43 warning of the danger "not only to the Sasana but also to the race and the nation" and No. 45 calling for Township Buddhist culture courses. Mayangon Township has had 11 such courses. Certificates were then presented to the successful candidates. Of 1,346 candidates, 43 passed in three subjects, 206 in two subjects, and 231 in one subject. (NLM 12/2)

Literary Prizegiving

Dec. 3: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt attended the presentation of the 1993 National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards [names and titles reported in November]. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant spoke. "Jatakas and treatises of Myanmar language, he said, served as the guiding light for people to be cultured and aesthetic literary works such as poems, verses and novels helped promote Myanmar cultural traits. The Minister attributed emergence of national heroes equipped with physical and intellectual capabilities to Myanmar language and literature.... As the saying 'Sarpay-myint-hma Lumyo-tint-myi' which literally means 'Only when the standard of literature is high, will the race be dignified', goes, promoting the standard of language and literature, which reflect national standard and heritage, is a national duty, the minister emphasized.... It has been 32 years to present the National Literary Awards and 25 years to distribute the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards, he stated, adding that in the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the number of genres and amount of cash of respective awards has been extended.... The minister also underlined their [writers' and scholars'] role to produce literary works reflecting the endeavours of the State Law and Order Restoration Council in national-building tasks and for national reconciliation as well as disseminating and improving modern science and knowledge for the public...." [full page of photos] (NLM 12/4)

Dec. 9: Winners of the 1994 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards, sponsored by the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Trust Fund Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Information, were announced:

Collected Poems: First: Maung Yin Hum for Kabyinsali Kabyarmyar. Second: Win Nwe (Forestry) for Alinka Pankhin Kabyarmyar. Novels: First: Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt for Aye Sein Ma Wunthayababyi. Second: Maung Myay Ni (Tamar-daw) for Ditaungko-phyo Myin-moh Hmolar.

Collected Short Stories: First: Kumudra for Alinyaung Wut-htu-to-myar.

Treatises: First: Soe Myint Dun (Aryurveda Gondu) for Betsone Akyopyu Theesarpin Hngetpyaw.

Life Literature Awards: Sayagyi U Yan Aung (Yan Aung), 90, and Sayagyi U Thein Maung (Thukha), 85.

Research: No award made.

First prize winners receive K 40,000 each, and second prize winners receive K 30,000. Life Literature Awards are K 50,000 each. Presentations will be made later. (NLM 12/10) // Dec. 10: K 10,000 will be given to the four first-year Myanmar sar majors who get the highest marks in the Basic Education High School Examination. (NLM 12/11)

Christmas

Dec. 16: Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt hosted a Pre-Christmas Dinner at the Oriental House Restaurant. It was attended by Election Commission member Saya Chai, officials, Chairman of the Council of Churches in Myanmar Rev. U M. Zau Yau,,

Archbishop U A. Mya Han, "persons of Christian faith," representatives of other religions and others. The Minister proposed: "May the Union of Myanmar and its nationals, together with the members of the congregation, be blessed with peace, auspiciousness, happiness, loving kindness and sympathy on this year's birth anniversary of Jesus Christ." (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 17: A pre-Christmas get-together of the University Catholic Youth Apostolate (Yangon) was attended by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. Chairman Vincent Tin Aung Than read the Christmas message, and Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt said "such fascinating customs of Christian devotees as holding pre-Christmas ceremonies, exchanging gifts and collective singing of carols are typical of Christmastide." If youth's "inherent active nature is integrated with religious teachings, they will invariably become polite, gentle and brilliant persons. He spoke of get-togethers and exchange of views, keeping Sabbath and weekly masses which, he said, indicate piety and adherence to the Christian teachings and lauded such practices as fine traditions." SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo "said that despite the majority of Buddhists in the nation, there is mutual understanding and respect between different faiths and expressed pleasure at the freedom of worship.... He wished them 'Peaceful and Happy Christmas' this year." Youth Chaplain Father Edwin David presented gifts. (NLM 12/18)

Dec. 25: Editorial: Merry Christmas. ["Today, in the Holy Land and all over the world, Christians celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it does it brings good cheer, it is said, for the spirit of Christmas is that of joy, love and peace.... In Myanmar, Christmas is as much an occasion for Christians of various denominations as it is for those who profess other faiths for the spirit of camaraderie is such that Christians, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus and other intermingle at the time of such days of religious significance and help each other celebrate. In the cold December nights, weeks prior to Christmas, it is common to hear carol singers making their rounds, singing in English as well as in Myanmar in praise of the Lord in the different communities, Buddhists and others playing host to the groups.... Merry Christmas.]

Dec. 25: Christmas Message by Catholic Bishop of Loikaw Reverend Sotero Pharmo. [Quotations from Scripture. "Let us pay heed to the message of Christmas--love God and love your neighbour. Merry Christmas."]

Education

Dec. 26: The ten students scoring highest in the 1993-94 Basic Education High School Examination were honoured by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who "stated that the number of high, middle and primary schools has increased from 33,747 in 1987-88 to 38,762 in 1993-94 and the number of teachers from 173,772 in 1987-88 to 222,705 in 1993-94." (NLM 12/ 27)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Dec. 4,11,18,25: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [Cont. (20-23) [Performance of the Trade Sector: (ii) From October 1988 through Mar. 31, 1994, 11,997 private businesses have been registered, including 6,032 export-import businesses, 1,225 commercial agencies, 949 partnerships, 63 joint venture corporations, and 31 commercial and industrial establishments. Export licences issued (value in US\$ million [sic-- must be kyat!]: 1991-92 4,407; 1992-93 12,298; 1993-94 12,973. Import licences (Value in US\$ million): 1991-92 16.52; 1992-93 40.54; 1993-94 44.39. New Publications: Post Harvest Technology Journal. Monthly, technical information for farmers on cutting loss and wastage and on international quality standards and grades. 20 kyat per copy. Trade News Bulletin. Fortnightly since Sept. 1993. Advice to exporters on world markets and prices. Circulation: 1,400. Subscriptions: K 600

per year. Border development and cooperation with UNDP. Staff Welfare: "For the welfare of government employees across the whole country, Trade Organizations have been selling, beginning May 1993, 14 pyis of rice for one married government employee, 50 ticals of sugar, 2 bars of Shwe Wah soap. There are about 1.2 million government employees in the whole country and because of the insufficiency of stocks for sale to all of them, Hmway toilet soap, carbohic soap, tooth-paste, Poplin, ceramic wares, other household and personal goods have to be sold in rotation system. Government employees in Yangon Division are sold one viss of palm oil a month."

[Ministry of Industry-1 gaining new successes. (i) Overall statistics on organizations under the Ministry of Industry-1. Production, sales, and exports (all in million kyats) were: 1991-92: 5795.52; 5491.35; 73.11. 1992-93: 6780.01; 6214.17; 50.82. 1993-94: 6609.32; 6612.57; 81.12. Privatization: "Some factories and mills have been rented out to private industrialists.... As of March 1994, nine ice factories, four flour mills, one packaging materials works, one leather works, totalling 15 factories, have been rented at K 43.37 million for three years. Warehouses, factory sites and coconut plantations have also been rented out."

[(ii) Statistics on various State industries: Myanmar Textile Industries: From 1991-92 to 1993-94: production K 4284.2 million; exports K 18.8 million; income K 5032.7 million; expenditure K 4362.0 million; profit K 670.8 million. Bago Garment Factory No. 7: factory completed; negotiations under way with a Hong Kong firm for rental on joint-venture basis. Thilawa Water Distribution Scheme: construction completed; equipment bought from Glover Electric Industries Pte. Ltd. and paid for in 1992-93. Yangon Garment Co. Ltd.: joint venture with Value Industries Ltd. of Hong Kong: (number of pieces and value), : 1991-92 exports 732,946 US\$ 6.3 million, domestic 94,827 K 0.5 million; 1992-93 exports 911,936 US\$ 8.0 million, domestic 30,584 K 0.4 million; 1993-94 exports 999,607 US\$ 10.1 million, domestic 59,830 K 17.5 million [sic]. Myanmar Winner Garment Co. Ltd.: joint enterprise with Winner Co. (Garments) of Hong Kong (shirts): 1992-93 exports 394,207 US\$ 2.3 million, domestic 44,259 K 7.3 million; 1993-94 exports 636,917 US\$ 3.7 million, domestic 66,050 K 11.2 million. Yangon Knitware Co. Ltd.: joint venture with Yangon Industries Ltd. of Hong Kong: 1993-94 exports 797,293 US\$ 0.6 million, domestic 80,681 K 18.8 million. Myanmar Euro World International Ltd.: joint venture with Myanmar Industrial Holding Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong: capital K 15.9 million (Myanmar Foodstuff Industries K 7.9 million, MIH US\$ 1.3 million).... Myanmar Foodstuff Industries: 1991-1994 production K 5167.1 million, exports K 53.6 million, income K 4468.2 million, expenditure K 3545.3 million, profit K 923.0 million.... Myanmar-Singapura United Tobacco Co. Ltd.: 1991-92: 432 million cigarettes; exports US\$ 2.9 million. 1992-93: 605.7 million cigarettes; internal FE sales US\$ 6.7 million. 1993-94 808 million cigarettes, internal FE sales US\$ 52.2 million [sic]. Myanmar Glacier Tobacco Co. Ltd.: joint venture with Glacier Co. Ltd. Capital K 25.7 million of which Glacier will supply US\$ 1.5 million plus K 9 million of supplies. Myanmar Yaung Chi Oo Co. Ltd.: joint venture with Yaung Chi Oo Trading Pte. Ltd. of Singapore for production of soft drinks. Capital K 106.2 million of which Yaung Chi will provide K 47.8 million. Counter-trade: Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in 1991-92 traded 1.7 million cartons of cigarettes and 50 tons of coffee seeds, in return for US\$ 1.4 million of molasses, plastic bottle making plant, etc. from Saneva Trading Co., KN Fisheries Enterprise Ltd., Eagle Enterprise, Than Lwin Exporting Works, and the Great Myanmar Co. Ltd. In 1992-93 it traded 818 thousand cartons of cigarettes for industrial raw materials worth US\$ 514 thousand from Great Myanmar Co. Ltd., Kyaw Wynn & Co. Ltd., and Loi Hein Co. Ltd. Rental to private entrepreneurs: 13 factories were rented by Myanmar Foodstuff Industries for three years: Shila Flour Mill (K 4.8 million per year), Myanmar Flour Mill (K 5.2 million), Dagon Flour Mill (K 6.1 million), Dagon Soft Drinks and Ice Factory No. 2 at Sanchaung (K 1.6 million), No. 5 at Yankin (K 2.5 million), No. 6 at Tamwe (K 1.4

million), No. 7 at North Okkalapa (K 50,000), Yoma Ice Factory No. 2 at Bago (K 600,000), No. 2 at Nyaunglebin (K 480,000), Diamond Soft Drinks and Ice Factory No. 4 at Myabyin, Thandwai (K 300,000), Hpa-an Soft Drinks and Ice Factory at Hpa-an (K 320,000), Flour No. 1 at Sagaing (K 12.5 million), And Ahlone Soft Drinks and Ice Factory No. 2 (K 1.2 million).

[(iii) Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries: From 1991-92 to 1993-94 income was K 2,312 million, expenditure K 1,590 million, profits K 722 million, exports US\$ 1.1 million; various products discussed. Myanma Ceramic Industries: From 1991-1994 production was K 2,192 million; income was K 2626 million, expenditure K 2202 million, and profits K 424 million; various factories discussed.]

Dec. 4,11,18,25: Factories and the GEC, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Cont. (7) Yangon South District cont. (8) Plans. (9-10) Enamelled Products Factory No. 1.]

Dec. 4,11: -- From Monywa Co-operative Market Festival to....., by Maung Thiha. [October-November Festival reviewed.]

Dec. 4: -- Township which developed within five years, by Tin Win Shwe (Shwepangon). [Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division.]

-- Farm machines innovated in Ayeyar land, by Aung Soe (Myaungmya). [Paddy dryers, pumps, etc. in Ayeyarwady Division.]

-- Cotton produced at mill for export, by Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila). [Cotton in Mandalay area.]

Dec. 11: -- Soonloon Dam to restore verdure to Myingyan District, by Khin Maung Than (Sethmu). [One of dry zone dam projects.]

-- Only summer paddy cultivators will be true farmers, by Lay Myint. [In Myaungmya District {Ayeyarwady}, "Each and every farmer must carry out double cropping of paddy in one monsoon and make efforts to increase the per-acre yield. If monsoon paddy is cultivated on 20 acres, efforts must be made to cultivate summer paddy on 20 acres also. If the farmers cultivate 20 acres of monsoon paddy and only 10 acres of summer paddy, in future they will be allowed to work only on 10 acres of land...."]

-- Myanmar cotton to take top spot in Asia, by Thair Oo (Shwebo). [Visit to cotton growing areas in Pyin-Oo-Lwin {Maymyo} area.]

-- Multiple cropping and thrashing paddy with farm machine, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Ministry of Agriculture guidelines for paddy growing.]

Dec. 18: -- Yangon Institute of Technology, by Kyaw Kyaw (Institute of Technology). [Established in 1964, as successor to the 1927 Mining and Engineering College. Now takes 750 students per year. Only boys for Mining Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, and Aeronautical Engineering; girls for other courses up to 15 per cent. Current enrollment is 4,500, working for BE or B.Arch degrees after six years. 280 teaching staff in 17 departments: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Eng., Electrical Eng., Electronic Eng., Chemical Eng., Textile Eng., Mining Eng., Petroleum Eng., Metallurgical Eng., Architecture, Geology Eng., Workshops Dept., Myanmar Dept., English Dept., Mathematics Dept., Chemistry Dept, and Physics Dept. An Aeronautical Engineering course was added in 1991-92, and there are several Diploma courses. Library has 45,000 volumes and 560 journals.]

-- Preparation and use of compost as natural fertilizer, by Min Soe (Agriculture). [How to make compost.]

-- Daungnaychaung Nursery and Minkan Hill, by Sagawar. [Visit to facility 14 miles north of Magway.]

Dec. 25: -- Developing manufacturing industry, by Myint Thura. [Survey.]

-- Golden Sagawa flowers, by Sagawa. [Visit to Kyaukpadaung Township and Mount Popa region; forest products.]

-- Come again.....to Myanmar, by Thar Nyan (Yankin). [Tourists visiting Myanmar were 26,667 in 1992-93, 61,335 in 1992-93 [sic, presumably 1993-94), and 70,157 up to the end of Sept. 1994. Half-day visit of cruiseliner m/s Song of Flower with 121 tourists,

under arrangements by the Seven Seas Cruise Line of USA.]

-- Reservoir for regional development of Thazi village, by Swe Thant Ko. [Visit to Thazi; reservoir, to be completed in March 1995, will irrigate 1,500 acres.]

Crime

Dec. 20: "A makeshift video-theatre owner was caught while showing an unpermitted video in Dawbon Township on 18 December." She was charging K 2 per seat (adults) and K 1 per seat (children) to view the uncensored film "Shadow." Receipts, and two other uncensored films, were seized. (NLM 12/21)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Dec. 2: Between Nov. 8-10, 1,147 acres of opium poppy were destroyed by authorities in Pinlaung Township, Shan State. (NLM 12/3)

Dec. 8: Five drug-traffickers were sentenced to 30 and 25 years imprisonment on Nov. 30 in Lashio, in connection with the seizure of 21.6 kilos of heroin in Lashio on July 4. (NLM 12/9)

Dec. 12: Mandalay Railway Police on Nov. 23 seized 7.5 kilos of raw opium at Ywahtaung Railway Station. (NLM 12/13)

Dec. 14: Two drug traffickers were sentenced to 12 years with labour, and two others to 10 years, for transporting 1,154 bottles of Phensedyl from Tamu to Monywa. (NLM 12/15)

Dec. 16: During November 1994, the Tatmadaw seized 1.1 kilo of opium. The Police seized 112.2 kilos of opium (44 cases), 3.1 kilos of heroin (117 cases), 10.4 kilos of marijuana (28 cases), 213.2 litres of Phensedyl (24 cases), 0.006 kilo of opium oil (4 cases), 0.08 kilo of opium residue (1 case), 0.03 kilo of opium powder (1 case). There were 127 cases of failure to register and 7 other cases. Altogether, the police exposed 353 cases involving 420 men and 107 women. Police and Tatmadaw in cooperation seized 27.1 kilos of opium (2 cases), 1.4 kilos of heroin (9 cases), and 144 litres of Phensedyl. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 16: 15.5 kilos of raw opium were seized Nov. 3 on the Namtu-Mandalay bus. 16.0 kilos of raw opium were seized Nov. 4 on a bus headed for Taunggyi. 10.2 kilos of raw opium were seized Nov. 6 on a bus headed for Taunggyi. 32.6 kilos of raw opium were seized Nov. 26 in Nyaungshwe Township [Shan]. (NLM 12/17)

Dec. 22: 0.08 kilo of heroin was seized in Katha on Dec. 10. (NLM 12/23)

Dec. 23: 150 15 mg vials of morphine were seized Dec. 8 at Buthidaung Jetty, from a ferry passenger bound for Sittway. (NLM 12/24)

Dec. 28: A ceremony to denounce drug abuse and to destroy seized drugs, chemicals and paraphernalia, was held Dec. 24 at Mongko, Shan State (North) Special Region-1. Present were Myanmar officials, Kokang national leaders, the Director of the Dehong District Drug Abuse Control Committee, the Deputy Director of the Luxi District Drug Abuse Control Committee, and the leader of the Drug Abuse Control Committee Vice-Mayor of Wanting Township, Yunnan Province. Speeches were delivered by Deputy Northeast Commander Col. Khin Maung, Kokang leader U Yan Moe Lian, a Chinese representative, and Kokang leader U Paisouk Chein. Destroyed were narcotics "seized by leaders of Kokang nationals," including 14.7 kilos of heroin, 60 kilos of heroin grade 3, 40 gallons of acetic anhydride, 160 gallons of ether, 872 gallons of methylated spirits, and 8 gallons of concentrated acid. (NLM 12/29)

Dec. 29: 12.1 kilos of marijuana were seized Dec. 13 in Thayet Township. (NLM 12/30)

Dec. 30: A total of 5,436 acres of opium poppies were destroyed in five Shan State townships as of Dec. 29 (3,390 in Pinlaung Township, 1,207 in Pekhon Township, 544 in Mongkai Township, 283 in Lekha Township, and 12 in Nam Hkam Township). (NLM 12/31)

Dec. 30: 1.7 kilos of heroin was seized Dec. 16 in Muse Township. (NLM 12/31)

Obituaries

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

Nov. 29: Dr. Khin Lone Phyu (a) Margaret Lao, BC-3393, Major retired, wife of Col. R. Lao (Retired) (a) U Mya Si (DSGH), died in Yangon, aged 73. (NLM 12/1)

Dec. 6: Daw Khin Swe Nyunt (a) Bilkis, BA, widow of U Tin Maung (a) Mohamed Ahmed Timol, died in Yangon, aged 65. [Moslem] (NLM 12/7)

Dec. 6: Sithu U Saw Lwin, ICS (Retd), Retired Financial Commissioner, husband of Daw Khin Nu Nu, died in Kalaw, aged 87. (NLM 12/8)

Dec. 8: Ovadacariya of Mahasi Sasana Yeikthas at home and abroad Chatha Sangayana Palivisodhaka Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bahan Shweminwun Sasana Yeiktha Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tissa (Wetlet Masoeyein U Tissa), vassa 69, died, aged 89. (news item, NLM 12/9)

Dec. 8: Pi Vung Za Maan, Tedim, widow of Rev. ST Chin Kho Gin, died in Tedim, aged 81. [Christian] (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 9: Daw Saw Khin (a) Jessie Fuller, Founder of Kanbe Baptist Church, widow of Mr. J. Fuller, died in Yangon, aged 83. [Christian] (NLM 12/10)

Dec. 16: Patrick (a) Ko Tun Shwe, husband of Naw Bai Hpaw, died in Nyaunglebin. [Christian] (NLM 12/18)

Date not indicated: U Pe Tin, Hluttaw Representative-elect, National League for Democracy, for Nyaung U Township-2, Representative-elect delegate to the National Convention. (in news item, NLM 12/22)

Dec. 22: Miss Agnes De Silva, died in Yankin, aged 79. [Christian] (NLM 12/29)

Marriage

Dec. 16: Al-Haj Hafiz Iqbal Azram Jeewa (a) Maung Aung Myint, BSc (Chemistry) (Aung Zan Mar Company), son of Haji Azam Ebrahim Jeewa & Hajima Rahmat Bi Moola Ebrahim, will be married Dec. 16 to Kulsoon Bi (a) Ma Moe Sandu (3rd yr: Myanmar, UDE) Dept. of Health Manpower, daughter of the late Mohamed Salah and Mrs. Hazara Bi Bi Jaan, at the Surtee Sunni Jaam-E-Mosque after Jumma Prayers. (NLM 12/16)

New Memorial to Emperor Shah Zafar

Dec. 15: Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt inaugurated a new Memorial Hall to Bahadur Shah Zafar, the last of the Mogul Emperors of India, who was exiled to Burma in 1858 and died in exile on Nov. 7, 1866, with only Queen Zinat Mahal and his two daughters at his side. The Minister noted that the Emperor was "a very pious and saintly person," and compared his fate to that of Burmese King Thibaw, who died in exile in India. The Emperor's tomb was hidden by the British, but was found in 1991. (NLM 12/16)

New Crematorium

Dec. 22: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay inspected the new six-compartment incinerator, mortuary, shelf for holding urns, and 60 KW power generator being installed at the Kyandaw cemetery, Yangon. (NLM 12/ 23)

Fires

Dec. 26: During November 1994 there were 101 cases of fire in Myanmar, with a loss of property of K 2.43 million. 113 houses, 5 factories and mills, and 4 godowns [warehouses--HCMacD.] were burned, rendering 596 people homeless. Two were killed and 10 injured. 93 of the fires (92%) were caused by negligence. (NLM 12/27)

Earthquake

Dec. 28: An earthquake of strong intensity (Richter 7.6) was recorded at 18:58:36 local time, with epicentre about 3,475 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 12/30)

Train Derailment

Dec. 30: Two passenger coaches and four cargo coaches were overturned when the brakes of the Mandalay-Myitkyina Up mail train failed between Namkham and Boonkyang stations in Wuntho Township. Two other coaches went off the rails. "Some passengers were fatally injured." (NLM 12/ 31)

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