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HIGHLIGHTS

- Buddhist anti-Bo Mya KNU members defected, formed the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBO), and captured KNU headquarters at Manerplaw [POLITICAL; MILITARY]
- A Myanmar-American deplored the vulgarity of Asian businessmen in Yangon; Korean spokesman denied it. [POLITICAL]
- A Privatisation Commission was established, under SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and designated 51 enterprises to be privatized in a first phase [ECONOMIC: Privatisation]
- Vice-Chairman U Zarli Maw of the DAB (Danyata) defected and returned to legal fold [MILITARY]
- Survey of Asian, and Myanmar, views on Human Rights [POLITICAL:

Political Articles]

- Period for return home of Myanmar, and extension or re-issue of expired passports, was extended to Dec. 31, 1995 [GOVERNMENT]
  - Regulations on the Rice Trade were relaxed [ECONOMIC]
  - SLORC Secretary-1 denounced un-Myanmar cultural behaviour [POLITICAL: Special Refresher Courses; CULTURAL: Motion Picture Awards]
  - Plans for a National Races Village [ECONOMIC]
  - Independence Day [GOVERNMENT]
  - See special section on Burma Press Summary editorial policies [EDITORIAL POLICIES]
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POLITICAL

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.

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

Jan. 1: Anavajjani kammani, to perform faultless actions; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Jan. 2-15: Appamado ca dhammesu, to be diligent in laws; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Jan. 16-31: Garavo ca, reverence; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Political Articles

Jan. 4: Need to maintain and develop spirit of patriotism and national unity, by Soe Naung. ["Independence will be meaningless if we enjoy ourselves only eating, drinking and in revelry. It will benefit the occasion only when we make renewed resolutions to maintain and develop the spirit of patriotism and national unity."]

Jan. 4: Struggles waged for independence, by Maung Dawna. [Anti-colonial struggle remembered.]

Jan. 4: Remember our glorious past and alien aggression to build a strong future, by Min Kyaw Min. ["We had a glorious past. At present, all things considered, we have the State Law and Order Restoration Council at the helm doing its best for national reconciliation, for holding the National Convention which will pave the way to the democratic process. We hold that the emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens."]

Jan. 19: From Now to Eternity, by Khin Khin Kyaw. [Objective of Union Day is "Our Three Main National Causes."]

Jan. 22-25,27-28: Our Right to Speak Out: Human Rights from the Asian Perspective, by Kyaw Thu Win. [(1) West trying to impose its notions of human rights on the world, now that the Cold War is over. This is a series of articles to "present the views of various Asian nations while taking into account the objective conditions of each country as well as factors shaping its outlook. The Asian view of human rights is different from the Western notion, and there are differences "even among ourselves in Asia." No one claims the right to torture and brutalize people, "yet we are painted as ogres in the Western media, bloodthirsty and brutal, hiding behind the 'shield' of diversity." Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir of Malaysia discussed Asian views of human rights at the JUST International Conference on Rethinking Human Rights held in Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 6-7 1994.

[There is no single model for democracy, everyone has tailored it to their own needs. "Human rights has followed the same path. By placing individual rights above all else, society has become a

melting-pot of social mores, a parody of the rules and codes that once governed it. The sanctions of tradition and custom have gone, replaced by a greedy hedonism.

["We in Asia cannot fathom any advantages of free sex. Mere co-habitation does not replace family values in our understanding. The way we regard freedom of expression does not include pornography among its means...." What are individual rights? "Asia...values the community over the individual. Whether prosperous or poor, nations in Asia have always accorded more importance to the community. Perhaps that is the reason why even in the depths of disorder we have escaped the fathomless misery experienced elsewhere...."]

["The Western powers have made it clear that if there is evidence of human rights violations in a country, there is every right to interfere in its internal affairs, its independence notwithstanding.... The West applies a double standard--look at Bosnia. Asians are now speaking out. "We are speaking out. In Malaysia, in Singapore, in Thailand, in Indonesia, in China, in Myanmar...we are all speaking out."]

[(2) Singapore's views: poverty "is a gross violation of the most basic of human rights" and "makes a mockery of all civil liberties." In the early stages of development, "too much stress on individual rights over the rights of the community will retard progress. Singaporeans today live a comfortable life in dignity and in an environment that is safe, clean and free from corruption."]

[(3) Thailand's views: Unique in never having been colonized. A Western influenced elite has been "able to assume increasing importance in Thai political scene." Thai NGO's {non-governmental organizations} resemble those of the West. In the view of Mr. Bilahari Kausikan of the Singapore Foreign Ministry, "'There is, however, a natural convergence of interests between the Western media and human rights activists and those aspiring Asian elites who are challenging the established governments. Such elites seek sympathy and legitimacy abroad by espousing human rights, just as the rhetoric of anticommunism served to gain support in the West during the Cold War. Thus the popular image is created of repressive Asian governments...." Despite these groups, "in reality the Thai Government has not abandoned its traditional view and attitudes.... For the Thais, the norms of traditional cultural heritage consider the welfare of the society first.... Developing Asian nations including Thailand do not want to emphasize individual rights over community rights." Hence the "Bangkok Declaration" of April 1993 opposing the use of human rights a precondition to developmental assistance.... It is the view of Thailand that each {nation} should adopt its own approaches and steps."]

[(4) Indonesia's views: Indonesia's nationhood is based on the Five Principles (Pancasila) in its 1945 Constitution. On human rights, it: 1) recognizes the universal validity of basic human rights; 2) believes that human rights are ethical and moral, and politically-motivated actions are suspect; 3) there must be balance between civil and political, economic and social, individual and community, society and national rights; 4) there should be a balance between rights and obligations--otherwise there may be instability and anarchy; 5) implementation of human rights is the responsibility of national governments; 6) problems of developing nations and of specific countries must be taken into account.

[(5) China's views: China believes that human rights include both individual and collective rights. Individual rights include not only civil and political rights, but also economic, social, and cultural rights, which are interrelated, equal and indivisible, and essential. "The most fundamental of human rights is the right to subsistence," and the Western notion that human rights should be a precondition to economic development "is seen as unfounded." Efforts to impose one nation's human rights values on another are considered as an infringement on sovereignty and interference in internal affairs.

[(6) Myanmar's views: As it has repeated stated, Myanmar

believes that:

1) each country's views on human rights differs. "Culturally and in terms of perception, there is a big difference between Western and Asian countries. By this, we do not mean to say that there are no human rights applicable to all persons. However, divergences can be seen in the approaches and implementation of human rights. At the same time, countries or groups of countries should avoid trying to impose their values {on} human rights on the rest of the world..." {typographical errors confused the original text--we have cleaned it up--HCM}.

2) for countries like Myanmar, "the most essential and fundamental basic right is to meet the food, clothing and shelter needs and to raise the standards of living of the people." Equal prominence must be given between civil and political rights, and economic, social, and cultural rights. As the UN Secretary-General said in 1992, full human dignity includes freedom from starvation as well as from torture; a right of education as well as a right to vote; a right to health as well as a freedom of belief.

3) Community rights should have equal importance, if not more importance, than individual rights. National interest must take precedence over individual rights in times of conflict. As Oliver Wendall Holmes said, when the life of the State is involved, the Head of State must let ordinary rights of individuals yield to the necessities of the moment. Individuals possess duties and obligations to country and society, as well as rights. "It is a fact of life that extreme practices of individual rights can lead to disorder and unrest."

4) Since human rights issues differ from country to country, their implementation "should be the responsibility and competence of each government" and should not serve as a "pretext for interfering in matters that are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of states. By this, it is not meant that human rights can be systematically violated behind the barrier of non-interference. It is genuinely desired to promote human rights through international cooperation and consensus building."

5) "Myanmar believes that there should be strict observance of principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states. Myanmar is opposed to the use of human rights for political motives, of double standards and selectivity. Moreover, using human rights as a means of applying pressure, as a precondition for economic assistance and cooperation should also be avoided."

"These are some of Myanmar's principal positions concerning human rights issues.... The west, instead of trying to impose their views and values on others, should recognize and respect the fact that Asian nations, with their own historical experiences, culture, religion, and national conditions, can and do have their own views on human rights."

Jan. 23: Editorial: Bias. ["If the average Myanmar in any part of the land were asked if he or she had a bias, the answer would be a firm yes. National bias, that is. Individually, or collectively, there is always a display of bias when a choice is to be made between what is good and wholesome and what is not, in the national interest.... Today, half a century away from the end of the war and the run of the empires, so to say, there are still signs of trying to maintain their influence through machinations which are quite transparent. With all these threats, it is not surprising that leaders here and in all the former colonies have to be on the lookout for any act of encroachment on sovereignty or threat to national security .... When a choice has to be made between personal or individual well-being and the National Causes, there certainly is national bias, for we in Myanmar know what is in the best national interest.]

Jan. 29: The Union Day, by U Pe Kin. [Scholarly review of Myanmar history through the Panglong Conference, and the first Union Day of Feb. 12, 1947.]

KNU Buddhists Defect, Take Manerplaw

Jan. 29-31: Whither KNU? by A resident of Kayin State. [(1)  
"The KNU Headquarters at Manerplaw was occupied by some 4,000-strong forces led by Brig-Gen. Kyaw Than, Brig-Gen. Tun Hlaing and Brig-Gen. Pya Pya of the splinter group, the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBO) and its armed wing on 27 January 1995.... Today, when Manerplaw has fallen, the KNU and all its cohorts have no place to run. Theirs is a most pitiable plight...."

[The Buddhist movement was led by the influential missionary monk Sayadaw Bhaddanta Thuzana of Myainggyingu Monastery near Kamamaung, whose planned pagoda was stopped by KNU Major Wah Hteh (KNU leaders Nga Mya's grandson), and later on May 7, 1993 by Nga Mya himself, on the pretext that it could serve as a target for Tatmadaw artillery firing on Manerplaw. "Nga Mya's words were rude. Crude. It was a religious insult. His {Sayadaw U Thuzana's} disciples, the monks and the laity could no longer take it...."

[The Sayadaw led 500 monks and laity, supported by 200 KNU soldiers, in a march on Manerplaw on May 10, 1993. Nga Mya changed his mind and let pagoda construction continue, despite the objections of Major Wah Hteh. Nga Mya "cooked up a dastardly act" to get even with Sayadaw U Thuzana. He found a gun-toting monk named U Wizana (popularly known as Monk Rambo), established him in Manerplaw. On Mar. 1-4, 1994, Monk Rambo called a meeting of 81 monks from 71 monasteries and set up the Kawthoolei Sangha Organization with himself as head; U Thuzana was in hospital in Chiangmai and could not participate.

[Nevertheless, U Thuzana continued his missionary work; on Oct. 8, 1994 he was summoned to Manerplaw by Nga Mya and Major Wah Hteh, under threat of death by Monk Rambo, and went there on Nov. 1, where the pagoda project was again denounced, and U Thuzana was accused of believing in a fictitious God and helping the Na Wa Ta (SLORC). Matters went from bad to worse {rather detailed accounts}, and Sangha members began to congregate in Myainggyingu, cutting off Manerplaw from the KNU 2, 4 and 6 brigades.

["Captain Terry Hanson, a US naval attache in Bangkok and wife Erlina and party came down the Thanlwin {Salween} River from Manerplaw on a powered boat on 3 December. Kyaw Heh {evidently an U Thuzana supporter} and his group stopped them but they did not and so, Kyaw Heh's group fired warning shots to stop them. But Erlina and group were allowed to leave without being put to any trouble."

[Sangha and laymen poured into the Myainggyingu area, including: Presiding Sayadaw of Tada-U Monastery U Sunanda, Presiding Sayadaw of Meseik Monastery U Candima, Myainggyingu Sayadaw's assistant Sayadaw U Candobhasa, and Abbot Bhaddanta U Narinda of the Central Hill Mission. The Buddhists demanded: permission to hold a meeting of 10,000 monks and 50,000 disciples; compensation of 100,000 bahts, and a personal apology from Bo Mya.

[There was a rebellion at Thumwehta at the confluence of the Thanlwin and Thauanggyin Rivers. On Dec. 10 fighting broke out between Buddhist rebels from Thumwehta and Nga Mya in Manerplaw {details}. "Nga Mya spread rumours that Buddhists went counter to the KNU headquarters, thereby putting the Christian faithful to be battle alert.... In reality, this matter was not a religious dispute, nor was it related to the Na-Wa-Ta {SLORC}. It was the problem of brainless Nga Mya who dug his own grave." {photos}

[(2) According to a notification from KNU Secretary-General Bogyoke Maung Maung, he and other KNU emissaries, and Monk Rambo (now called the Nophew Sayadaw), were detained in Thumwehta. Bogyoke Maung Maung paid the 100,000 bahts demanded by the Buddhists, and was evidently released. Bo Mya then described the Buddhist organization as the work of SLORC infiltrators, and said ways must be found to soothe religious tensions. The Buddhists in Thumwehta heard that Bo Mya had distributed 400,000 bahts to have their leaders assassinated.

[Further negotiations were held on Dec. 15, and remaining KNU emissaries leaders detained at Thumwehta were released; Monk Rambo

fled. "Agreement was signed on five points which actually were Nga Mya's feigned concessions." {map and photos}

[(3) On Dec. 14, Thai military, accompanied by Bangkok TV crews and a reporter from a Bangkok economic magazine came to Thumwehta, and tried to mediate. On Dec. 15, the KNU 7th Battalion attacked the Buddhists. The next day mediation was attempted by ABSDF Chairman Dr. Naing Aung, New Mon State Party representative Nai Pe Thein Zar, and NLD Liberated Areas Vice-Chairman U Tin Aung, plus a Thai monk.

[After negotiations in Thailand, the Buddhists were forced to sign a five-point agreement by KNU Lt-Col. Tamla Baw and others, agreeing: 1) to form a representative Buddhist committee; 2) to seek a solution; 3) the KNU to ensure that Buddhists and others involved "are not punished, arrested, killed or jailed"; 4) respective commanders to judge any shootings; and 5) "strict action to be taken against hindering freedom of worship with a view to propagating religion."

[In fact, Nga Mya: 1) pretended to apologize "'Sons, Aba was wrong' and he shed crocodile tears"; 2) coaxed Lt-Gen. Tamla Baw to get Buddhists to admit instigation by SLORC; 3) ordered his Christians "to kill the Buddhists left and right without leaving anyone alive"; 4) asked for military aid from drug warlord Khun Sa; and 5) blamed the problem on SLORC. The negotiations were a sham. Nga Mya said: "'Oh it's a bother, I can wait for them only up till the end of the month. If they fail to listen and do as we say at the end of the month, we will wipe them out completely.'"

["Members of the Buddhist faith were already aware of Nga Mya's plot. They had already laid down a firm decision to split up. Their aim was no longer a religious aim. Their aim was to drive out Nga Mya and the KNU group and to achieve perpetual piece." {article continued in Feb. 1 issue--HCM}]

#### Vulgarity of Asian Businessmen

Jan. 6: As a US-citizen Myanmar sees it. Letter from unnamed American of Myanmar origin, who has visited Myanmar six times since 1992. We quote substantial excerpts:

"I am home, but the landmarks I remembered as a kid growing up are gone. Sule Pagoda Road, the main drag in the heart of the city, is cluttered with neon signs advertising Japanese and Korean electronic products. Movie theatres such as the Globe, Palladium, Royal and the Carlton, which I frequented are being torn down to make way for the New Shangri-La Hotel....

"With its devastating, two-and-half decades of mismanagement and atavistic socialism system behind it, my birthplace is exploding with new construction, new apartments, new roads, new hotels, new businesses as it grooms itself for the overtures of the rich it once repelled and a fresh class of entrepreneurs looking for opportunities in Myanmar. change is very much visible, and Yangon is becoming a sprawling city of residential and commercial districts....

"Recently...Peter Snell of Asian Market Intelligence said that 'Myanmar was way ahead of Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia as a country starting out'....

"I am elated to witness the gradual economic progress of Myanmar, but at the same time I cannot help being concerned about the fall-out effect it is having on the culture. The most significant visible change that has taken place is among the younger generation and their dress. It is rather depressing (and sometimes hilarious) to see how younger females think it is fashionable to ape the dress styles popular in Thailand. Most of them are under the impression that they are being au courant and Western not realizing that such atrocious fashion designs are neither Western nor fashionable.... Having lived in the United States for thirty something years I can authoritatively say that dressing up like a typical American female can be achieved very easily, if tastefully done. However, what I have witnessed is young females emulating the dress code of Thailand's infamous red light district, Patpone [sic]. The style is definitely not American nor Western. It is the penultimate in bad taste.

"In a way young Myanmar women have disparaged themselves by emulating this dreadful style.... Discarding the traditional longyi for Western style dress is quite dominant among entertainers at government sanctioned night club-style restaurants. Female entertainers dressed in knee length skirts or snugly fitted jeans parade up and down the stage belting out in Myanmar lyrics of Western 60's and 70's songs. Myanmar men and foreign Asian men, mostly drunk, step up to the stage and drape the singers with fake garlands that cost a minimum of 100 Kyats. Those who like to flaunt their wealth tack 500 Kyat bills to the garland and take their time draping it on the singer. This gives them the opportunity to get close to her.... Many of the foreign businessmen with whom I have talked feel that Myanmar is a man's paradise, that is to say that it gives the appearance that there are plenty of women 'available'. This perception is so widespread among travelling foreigners that even men from the country that operates the infamous red light districts are looking at Myanmar as a haven. This is outrageous!

"Another visible thing that dots the landscape is the influx of predominantly Asian businessmen. The behaviour of businessmen from Myanmar's neighbours, including Korea, are appalling even to a Western educated conservative Asian man like myself. Many of my business colleagues in Myanmar informed me that these businessmen are obnoxious, demanding, crude, and above all have a very low impression of Myanmar, especially when it comes to the opposite sex. During their frequent visits to Yangon for consultations, part of their agenda includes a 'request' that their Myanmar counterpart provide them with a female companion.... This is a gross distortion of what the honest free market is supposed to be.

"In one of my frequent visits to a very new and fashionable bar...I was appalled by the despicable behaviour of some of Asian businessmen who totally disregarded the norms of a society. They were having fun grabbing the derrieres of Myanmar waitresses whenever they passed them. When the young ladies displayed their disapproval, these men muttered in their own language and laughed.... The young ladies got smart by covering their behinds with their bar trays, but the grabbing did not stop. No one said anything about this vulgar behaviour.... I can safely say that such customers would be thrown out and sued for sexual harassment in the United States....

"In a separate instance, a group of Korean businessmen were playing golf when one of them started to show his true character by muttering in pigeon English to a very young golf caddie to unzip her pants. Since the girl did not understand English, the Korean went wild and insisted on showing the girl how to unzip by unzipping his pants and exposing himself. The rest of the Koreans ganged up together to unzip the caddie. Luckily she escaped unharmed, but frightened. Her neighbours were furious, but unable to do anything about it. In America the Korean and his friends would have been arrested for assault.

"It is shocking to witness such vulgar acts.... I am very angry and disappointed that such nonsensical acts are being forced upon the people of Myanmar in the name of trade and investment. It is in very poor taste for any visiting foreigner to take advantage on the host country when the people are passive and economically poor.... One need only to glimpse the expressions of the Yangon scene to realize that the future of Myanmar and the success of foreign investment now hangs on our fellow Asians remembering that wealth must reinforce good manners, not obviate them!" (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 15: Letter of Response, dated Jan. 13, from Mr. Han Yoo Ko, Chairman of the Korean Association in the Union of Myanmar [full text]:

1. We feel deeply regretful, whether it was based on facts or not, about the said article written in the newspaper, specifically mentioning Korea. Especially the part on the incident in the golf course sounds as if it had really happened. We are quite anxious because groundlessly exaggerated rumours have been spreading as a result of this article. It is our worrisome feeling that present

unhealthy situation could influence and affect the friendship between our two countries.

2. We have confirmed about the actualities of the incident in the golf course by interviewing the related Korea and Myanmar People. As a result we could confirm as follows:

(1) The content related to "UNZIP" in the article was alleged by only one caddie in problem and no other caddies or players witnessed these kind of things. The player in problem also denied that he did these kinds of things.

(2) Regarding "The rest of the Koreans ganged up together to unzip the caddie", it was confirmed that, that kind of thing did not actually happen at all.

(3) The player in problem was accompanied by the caddie in problem up till the end of game, covering all the 18 holes in that day.

(4) The player in problem mentioned that, may be, he had treated the caddie in problem rather roughly than usual [sic]; for example-- shouting at the caddie since the caddie was not well accustomed to her work and his play didn't go well. About the contents relating to unzipping, he remembered that he told his caddy to zip her zipper by pointing at it, may be on the 5th green, noticing her zipper was open. However, he could not remember exactly whether it was on the same date or the caddie was the same caddie in problem.

3. The caddie in problem alleged this happening took place on the 7th green (at first she said it happened on the 10th green but later she changed her mind it was on the 7th green). According to her, at that time there were 3 players and 3 caddies on the green. It seems quite strange that nobody among the six persons had witnessed this kind of happening. In common sense, it is also difficult to understand that a golfer tried to unzip his caddie in the day light and in the wide and open golf course. There is no witness on the allegation of the caddie in problem. Thus, we feel that the article in the newspaper has been written based on rumours without any confirmation. One officer in the YCDC golf resort also shared the same feeling who was also present when interviewing the caddies.

4. Therefore, the Koreans Association in the Union of Myanmar wishes to request as follows:

(1) We would like to reconfirm the actuality with the writer who has contributed this article in the newspaper.

(2) Upon confirmation, if the contents of the article are different from the actual facts, we would like to request the writer to add corrigendum to the first article.

5. The Koreans Association would like to humbly avail this as a momentum to contribute towards promoting the existing friendly relationship between our two countries, regardless of the fact that the article has been exaggerated or distorted.

Mr. Han Yoo Ko

Chairman of the Koreans Association in the Union of Myanmar.

(NLM 1/15)

#### 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.]

Jan. 7: 849 persons from 158 households returned Jan. 2 to three reception camps, bringing the total to 135,618. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 16: 910 persons from 172 households returned Jan. 13, bringing the total to 142,369. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 19: 578 persons from 111 households returned Jan. 17 to Kanyinchaung reception camp, bringing the total to 143,905. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 20: 990 persons from 175 households returned Jan. 18 to three reception camps, bringing the total to 144,895. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 26: 1,488 persons from 285 households returned Jan. 19-20;

893 from 172 households on Jan. 23; and 870 from 168 households on Jan. 24, bringing the total to 148,146. (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 30: 1,866 persons from 360 households returned Jan. 25-26, bringing the total to 150,012 persons from 30,829 households. (NLM 1/31)

#### Special Refresher Courses

Jan. 7: Special Refresher Course No. 13 for Basic Education Teachers concluded, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 23: Special Refresher Course No. 14 for Basic Education Teachers began, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. "The Secretary-1 said it is expected that the trainees have come to attend the course with firm determination to strive harder than those of the courses which have concluded successfully. The teachers must also accept the course not as an ordinary departmental duty but as a national duty and make efforts for the course to turn out to be a success, he said....

"He said only when youths who are the leaders of tomorrow are well qualified both physically and intellectually will they be able to build a new modern State on self-reliance basis. He said it is time when all patriots must help protect the country against dangers posed by those in society who are neglecting their national identity and prestige and making efforts to seek their own selfish ends.

"He pointed out that just as there are those who do business with sincerity, there are also those who have ulterior motives to serve their own interest, are avaricious and will resort to unlawful means. There are also some entrepreneurs who even resort to acts which run counter to Myanmar culture in playing host to some foreign entrepreneurs and it is learnt that they also comply with their demands and even join their guests at hotels and restaurants enjoying dances which are quite contrary to Myanmar culture.

"He went on further to disclose that it is also learnt that there were also some foreign entrepreneurs, who in order to save lodging and travelling expenses and to get the same privilege as Myanmar citizens, marry young Myanmar girls on temporary basis. It is surprising that there are such women who think highly of foreigners and Myanmar entrepreneurs in partnership with foreigners who are encouraging them and in the process badly harming the race.

"He said there are also modes of dress and behaviour which run counter to Myanmar mode and behaviour at stage shows at some big restaurants as they are those of bad professional women of other countries. Such women, proprietors of restaurants and Myanmar men who bring foreigners and entertain them thus are debasing the dignity and prestige of all Myanmar women.

"He pointed out that it is vital for all patriots to prevent young women from following the wrong path just to gain apparent economic benefit and dress and behave like bad women by imitating them.

He said it is also found that artistes of Motion Picture, Thabin and Music Asiayons are setting bad examples to younger generation by competing each other in wearing outlandish dresses which cannot be regarded as modern. They are those whom younger people imitate and therefore, they are to avoid such modes of dress which are not fit to be worn in public and which will be degrading in the eyes of foreigners. Therefore, the artistes are to refrain from wearing such dresses which are outlandish and alien, contrary to Myanmar culture and those worn by women of promiscuous society of foreign countries.

"He spoke of the need for Myanmar entrepreneurs to carry out their economic tasks with a national outlook, give priority to national cause and avoid all acts which will tarnish national culture and national prestige. This also goes for tourist guides who come in close contact with tourists. They must have a clear national outlook, he said.

"He said all must make efforts to stop the youths from

imitating the kind of dress which they see in movies, videos and music programmes as alien culture could unwittingly or knowingly influence and overwhelm the race gradually.

"At some fashion shows also there are some dresses mixed with styles of Western culture such as Cheik longyis made into skirts and gowns like Western dresses. Such dresses should be shown at separate shows for foreigners as they are not fit for the public, he said.

"There are some educated people who go and work in other countries, thinking it an honour, but doing degrading work. Such persons have wrongly interpreted the motto 'All work is honourable'. In reality they do that work which the people of that particular country do not like to do and such a state of affairs is a great pity, he said. Those who stay in one's own country and discharge whatever duty they are assigned to are indeed noble workers, he added.

"Hence, the State is giving priority to nurture and cultivate youths so that they will not get wrong ideas and imitate others but become intellectuals and intelligentsias [sic] who can stand on their own feet, become patriots and help to establish a developed and modern State from whatever duties are given them...."

Numerous cabinet ministers attended the opening. The one-month course is being attended by 1,500 teachers. (NLM 1/24)

#### National Races

Jan. 7: Chief Manager U Kyauk Up Nat of Lashio Co., on behalf of the Wa national group of Shan State (North) Special Region 2, donated K 200,000 for dredging of the Mandalay moat. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 24: Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint met with a 6-member KIO group led by Dr. La Ja to coordinate development of the Kachin regions. (NLM 1/25)

#### Police Reform

Jan. 15: Director-General of People's Police Force (PPF) Police Maj-Gen. San Thein and Col. Soe Win inspected police stations in Bago, Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing Divisions from Jan. 7-13. "They told the PPF personnel of misconduct and irregularities of some PPF members and said PPF itself was misunderstood by the public. They also called on PPF personnel to discharge their duties according to law. With the improvement in leadership at the basic level the PPF will improve, they said. They also called for efforts to make extra earnings for PPF families within the framework of the law and necessary assistance to be provided for engaging in small-scale agriculture and livestock breeding."

Jan. 20: Speaking to the second biannual coordination meeting between the People's Police Force Headquarters and State/ Division PPF for 1994 [sic], Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin discussed police reform:

"He quoted the Chairman of the Committee for Reform of PPF Management System the State Law and Order Restoration Council Secretary-1's guidance that there still remain sections which are not keeping with the Committee's tasks.

"Lt-Gen. Mya Thin said though officials concerned at different levels gave guidance from time to time, there is not proper abidance at the grassroots level, noting that it must be checked whether responsible officers provide supervision or not.

"He commented that officers-in-charge of various levels do not take responsibility in carrying out the tasks which they must.

"He emphasized the need to take effective action against those who do not follow the instructions and pointed out that officers-in-charge must themselves implement the tasks effectively and possess quality to organize their subordinates.

"It is found that the PPF is weak in taking responsibility at all levels, he said, stressing that State/Division PPF Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents and Township Superintendents are responsible in this respect.

"He told them that the PPF will lose its name if they are not dutiful and do not observe discipline....

"The minister spoke of reward and punishment for the better future and underlined the crucial role of leaders in respective organizations.

"In 1994, States and Divisions could send criminal cases for trial more than 75 per cent of the number exposed, and except four States and Divisions, others could realize the target, he said, noting that if all cases could be sent up for trial, the public will trust and wholly rely on the PPF.

"He instructed State/Division PPF and superintendents to effectively supervise their subordinates to be free from graft and bribery as well as direct themselves toward the right path.

"He stated that a law in connection with the discipline for PPF personnel is drafted and effective action will be taken against those who violate the rules, and reminded that if the subordinates take bribes, it also concerns with officers-in-charge....

"Regarding crimes, considerable success is being achieved in Yangon Division, he stated, underscoring the need for other States and Divisions to follow the example and lay down necessary plans in accord with their own situations.

"If progress is not achieved, he said, officers-in-charge will get punishment of being transferred on the first step and dismissed on the next step...." (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 24: Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin attended the annual coordination meeting of the Bureau of Special Investigations for 1994, and noted that 97.71 per cent of cases investigated were disposed of in 1994. "The minister specifically asked the BSI personnel to see that there occur no economic malpractices. He also called on them to expose tax evaders and take effective action.... He also called for efforts to expose irregularities in economic undertakings and among government employees in order that State funds may not be lost and due tax and revenues collected fully." (NLM 1/25)

#### Rumour Mongers Denounced

Jan. 22: Yangon LORC Chairman Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt, speaking to farmers, "cited spreading of rumours that price of paddy is low or high in certain places. This has been done with the aim of creating dissent among farmers. He also warned of attempts to create dissent among the consumers and government employees stating that commodity prices in the urban areas are high. (NLM 1/23)

#### Prisoners Released

Jan. 25: 47 "persons serving sentences after being convicted under existing laws were released from Insein, Mandalay, Myingyan and Meiktila jails today," after their sentences were reduced under Criminal Procedures Code Section 401(1). (NLM 1/27)

#### 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.]

Oct. 13: Four groups met: Peasants: proposal papers on Legislature were presented. Workers: proposal papers on Executive were presented. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers. National races: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized papers. (NLM 10/14)

Jan. 3: One group met. Political parties: an NUP proposal paper on Legislature was presented. (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 5: One group met. Representatives-elect: the NLD proposal paper on Executive was presented. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 6: Two groups met. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized the NUP proposal paper on Executive. Representatives-elect: the NLD and other papers on Executive were

presented. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 10: Three groups met. Other invited delegates: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Political parties: the NUP and other papers on Executive were presented. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/11)

Jan. 12: One group met. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 13: One group met. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on Executive. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 16: One group met. Other invited persons: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 17: Two groups met. Political parties: hear proposal papers on Executive. Representatives-elect: heard proposal papers on Executive. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 18: One group met. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers on Executive. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 19: One group met. Representatives-elect: heard papers on Executive. (NLM 1/ 20)

Jan. 20: Two groups met. Other invited persons: proposal papers on Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary were compiled. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 24: One group met. Political parties: proposals papers on Executive were presented. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 25: Two groups met. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized paper proposals. Other invited delegates: proposal papers on Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary were approved for submission to the Plenary Session. (NLM 1/ 26)

Jan. 26: Three groups met. State service personnel: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Political parties: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen heard and scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 27: Three groups met. State service personnel: a proposal paper on Executive was presented. Political parties: proposal papers on Executive were presented. Delegates were chosen to "present proposal papers of their respective parties" on Executive to the Plenary Session. Representatives-elect: the Panel of Chairmen scrutinized proposal papers. (NLM 1/28)

Jan. 30: Two groups met. State service personnel: heard a proposal paper on Judiciary. Representatives-elect: heard proposal papers on Executive. (NLM 1/31)

## 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.]

Oct. 13: Singapore Ambassador Calvin Eu Mun Hoo, and Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham, called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. Thai Naval Attache Capt. Kritep Pharmorabutra (Royal Thai Navy) called on Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt to present his successor, Capt. Suchart Hongprasong (RTN). Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 10/14)

Jan. 3: Mongolian Ambassador Terbishiin Chimiddorj called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 5: Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Thakkan Mallik called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. United States Charge d'Affaires Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers called on Minister for Finance and

Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 6: The Nepalese Ambassador called on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, and was received by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Indian Ambassador Gopalaswami Parthasarathy called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 8: The Nepalese Ambassador called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 20: Thai Ambassador Poksak Nilubol called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 23: The Thai Ambassador called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. French Ambassador Bernard Pottier called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Bangladeshi Ambassador Brig. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman (Retd) called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires Milos Beljic called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 24: The Thai Ambassador called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba; he noted that he had repeatedly invited the Minister to study the tourism service in Thailand, but the Minister said he was just too busy at present. UNICEF Resident Representative Steven H. Umemoto called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. (NLM 1/ 25)

Jan. 25: Austrian Ambassador Dr. Nicholas Sharp called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Thai Ambassador Poksak Nilubol called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein to discuss natural gas exports to Thailand. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, and on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 26: Thai Ambassador Poksak Nilubol called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 27: The Thai Ambassador called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe to discuss cooperation in forest conservation in border areas, on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein, on Minister for Education U Pan Aung, and on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. (NLM 1/28)

#### New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Jan. 2: Mr. Terbishiin Chimiddorj presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Ambassador of Mongolia to Myanmar. (NLM 1/3)

Jan. 3: Mr. Poksak Nilubol presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar. (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 13: The Government has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Anthony Forson as new Ambassador of Ghana to Myanmar. Mr. Forson was born in Cape Coast, Ghana, on Sept. 19, 1932 and studied law in Ghana and Nigeria. He practised law privately from 1964 to 1993, when he was named Minister of Justice and Attorney-General. He is presently and concurrently Ghanaian High Commissioner to India and resides in New Delhi. He is married with six children. (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 24: The Government has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Carlos Spottorno as new Ambassador of Spain to Myanmar. He was born May 18, 1943, and joined the Foreign Ministry in 1967. He has served in Havana, Budapest, Rome, Rabat, and Paris. He is presently and concurrently Spanish Ambassador to Thailand, and resides in Bangkok. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 27: The Government has agreed to the appointment of Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner as new Ambassador of Germany to Myanmar. He was born July 4, 1935 and studied law at the University of Kiel and Berlin from 1955-60, obtaining the Doctor of Laws (Dr.jur.) in 1965. He joined the German Foreign Service in 1965 and served in Hong Kong,

Kabul, Tokyo, Rome, and Beijing. He is married with two children.  
(NLM 1/27)

#### New Myanmar Ambassadors

Jan. 26: U Khin Nyein, Myanmar Ambassador to Italy, was concurrently named as new Myanmar Ambassador to Greece. (NLM 1/27)

#### Diplomats Visit Myitkyina & Putao

Jan. 30: Ambassadors and UN Agency Representative and their wives, headed by German Ambassador Dr. Baron Walther von Marschall (Dean of the Corps) visited Myitkyina, Putao, and region from Jan. 28-30 by special plane. (NLM 1/31)

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

#### Joint Workshops & Projects

Jan. 2: A Training Course on Management of Natural Teak Forests and Elephant Utilization in Timber Harvesting, sponsored by the Ministry of Forestry for experts of Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand, opened at the Central Forestry Development Centre in Hmawbe. Forest Department Director-General U Tin Hla said elephants were used instead of machinery because they are less harmful to the natural environment. Theoretical subjects will be taught Jan. 2-10, and field trips made Jan. 11-28. (NLM 1/3) // Jan. 17: The trainees were briefed on forest management on Jan. 11 at the Letpankhon Teak Seed Orchard in Oktwin Township. (NLM 1/18) // Jan. 23: They toured forest camps, and observed elephants at work, at the North Toungoo Extraction Agency, the Swa Reserve in the Longyan Extraction Range, the Satthemyaung Base Camp, the Nanchun Training School of the Myanma Timber Enterprise in Yedashe Township (Jan. 16), elephant artificial insemination at the Base Camp and plywood production at the Swa Plywood Factory run by the Myanma-Korea Timber International Ltd. (Jan. 17), the Yezin Forest Research Institute (Jan. 18-20). They left for Mandalay on Jan. 21. (NLM 1/ 24) // Jan. 30: The course ended. There were 17 trainees, from Indonesia (11), Vietnam (5), and Thailand (1). (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 7: A one-day course on Propagation of Red Cross, jointly sponsored by the International Committee for Red Cross, represented by Resident Representative Ms. Friedrun Medert, and the Myanmar Red Cross Society, was conducted at Yangon University. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 16: A Technical Seminar on Palm Oil, co-sponsored by the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (PORIM) and the Myanma Scientific and Technological Research Department (MSTRD) was held. Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe said that Myanmar produces 200,000 tons of edible oil, but consumes about 300,000 tons. The Myanma Farms Enterprise now has 20,000 acres of oil palm under cultivation, and has leased 16,000 acres to the private sector. Speeches were made by PORIM consultant Dr. Hamarin Kilfi and MSTRD Director-General U Aung Koe. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 23: A 2-day Workshop on the Contribution of Sports and Physical Education on Promotion of Adolescent Health, co sponsored by SPED and WHO, opened at the National Stadium 1 in Thuwunna, and was addressed by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, President of Myanmar Olympic Council. Also speaking was Representative Dr. Tom Prvulovic on behalf of WHO. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 24: A 3-day Induction Workshop on Human Resource Development Indicators (HRDI), led by experts of the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), opened with 20 participants from 14 ministries. (NLM 1/ 25)

#### Donations from Abroad

[We report donations that apparently come from foreign sources. We do not normally report the numerous articles on donations by Burmese individuals and companies to government, religious, and social organizations and charities.]

Jan. 4: Dr. Jos Vandelaer, Health Consultant of UNHCR,

presented an ambulance and spare parts to the Maungtaw Township [Rakhine] People's Hospital. (NLM 1/5, with correction 1/7)

Jan. 13: Mr. Sung Hwan Moon of Goldstar Co. Ltd. donated US\$ 49,900 to the Prime Minister's Office and the Sports and Physical Education Department. (NLM 1/14) // Jan. 19: He donated K 150,000 to the Myanmar TV and Radio Department welfare funds. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 17: Dr. Jos Vandelaer of UNHCR presented an ambulance and equipment to the People's Hospital in Maungtaw [Rakhine] on Dec. 29. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 17: The International Women's Association in Yangon donated milk powder, cookies, sweets, oranges, and clothing worth K 20,000 to the Shwegondine Day Care Centre of the Social Welfare Department. Wives of Ambassadors in Myanmar, led by Dr. Hninzi Kyin, wife of German Ambassador (and Dean of the Corps) Dr. Baron Walther von Marschall then visited the children. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 18: Victor Corporation of Japan and Ambur International Co. Ltd. of Singapore each presented medical equipment worth K 500,000 for Tatmadawmen. [see also under ECONOMIC: Inauguration of Projects: JVC Showroom] (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 19: A delegation of Japanese War Veterans, led by Mr. Kotaro Honda, donated medicines worth US\$ 30,000 to the Myanmar Red Cross. Mr. Honda said he visits Myanmar frequently to make similar donations, in gratitude for the "compassion and kindness" shown his group by Myanmar at the end of World War II. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 19: British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland-Swann donated 5,000 pounds sterling to the UNDP Model School Project, to upgrade a primary school in Magway Township. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 19: TV Asahi of Japan representative Mr. Yosuke Ishizuka donated goods worth US\$ 16,688 to the Ministry of Defence, in honor of Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 20: Myanmar-Singapore International Co. Ltd. presented K 500,000 to the Yenatha Leprosy Hospital in Madaya Township, and its Managing Director, U Kyaw Khin, presented K 100,000. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 20: Miss Chakuntala Kunkaew, Chairperson of Investment Construction Co. Ltd. of Bangkok, and Managing Director U Tin Shwe of Mann Engineering & Trading Co. Ltd. presented medicine worth 18,000 bahts to the Defense Services General Hospital. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 21: Myanmar Dr. Tin Hla, on behalf of Myanmar doctors resident in the United States and currently visiting Myanmar, donated medicines worth US\$ 15,000 to the Department of Health. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 23: Medical Consultant Dr. Dierendonck of the N.V. Organon Co. of the Netherlands, and Executive Director Dr. Maung Maung Lay of Ni Lay Naing Co., donated a Sharp Fax machine to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central). (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 27: The United Nations Women Association, headed by Dr. Khin Kyi Kyi, presented K 70,000 for maternity wards in Yangon; Mr. Aw Cheng of Bangkok presented vitamins. (NLM 1/28)

Jan. 30: Dr. Tom Prvulovic of the World Health Organization donated medical equipment worth US\$ 1,800, plus US\$ 100, donated by his son, to the Yenantha Hospital, as well as US\$ 400 donated by Danielle Tin Ton of Germany. (NLM 1/31)

#### Border & Regional Affairs

Jan. 17: The Co-ordination Committee on Civil Aviation in the Bay of Bengal held its 8th meeting under the aegis of the ICAO at the Institute of Aviation, and was addressed by Director-General U Tin Aye of the Department of Civil Aviation. 19 delegates from 8 countries (Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, and Thailand) are attending the meeting, which will last until Jan. 20. (NLM 1/19)

#### Economic and Cultural Cooperation

Jan. 6: An agreement on Technical Cooperation under the Rehabilitation Programme of Mulberry Cultivation and Sericulture in Myanmar was signed by FAO Resident Representative Mr. Dato Abdul Wahid Jalil and Managing Director Dr. Maung Mar of the Myanmar Cotton

and Sericulture Enterprise. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 10: Homage was paid to relics of Buddha and arahats presented by Myanmar to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panna Jota of Bangladesh at Bandarban or Ywadow in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh from Dec. 23-29. Over 120 Sangha members from 110 monasteries were present. The Myanmar Embassy in Bangladesh donated over 200 religious paintings and other offeratories to monasteries in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Myint Oo visited Bandarban. "About half of the town's residents are Myanmar Buddhists and relatives of King Nanda of Hanthawady took up residence in the town over 172 years ago. They were much delighted to receive the relics and collective ordination and novitiation ceremonies could be held for the first time." (NLM 1/11) Jan. 15: A Japanese Dolls Exhibition will be held from Jan. 18-28 at the National Museum (New Building), under the Myanmar-Japan Cultural Exchange Program. (ad, NLM 1/16) // Jan. 18: The exhibition opened. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 27: The Myanma Red Cross Society discussed joint development programs with the Korean Red Cross Society, represented by Mr. Ui Koo-Chun and delegation. (NLM 1/28)

#### Agreements with International Agencies

Jan. 23: The Department of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the AEA [Atomic Energy Agency] Emergency Assistance, represented by Dr. Reyherme. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 26: The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department signed a technical cooperation programme (TCP) with the FAO [Food and Agriculture Organization], represented by local FAO Resident Representative Mr. Dato Abdul Wahid Jalil. FAO will contribute US\$ 76,000 to evaluate "the new vaccine for haemorrhagic septicemia in Myanmar." (NLM 1/27)

#### FOREIGN VISITORS

##### Vice-Mayor of Kunming (October)

Oct. 13: Kunming Vice-Mayor Mr. Zi Guorui called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe, and was received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 10/ 14)

##### International Agency Visitors

[Includes visitors from both governmental and non-governmental agencies]

Jan. 24: Project Director M. Leon de Riedmatten and group of the Association Franco Xavier Bagnoud called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt to discuss AIDS education. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 30: South-East Asia Regional Office Director Mr. McClean of the UNDCP, from Bangkok, called on Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Director-General Police Col. Soe Win, after touring Adi and Samlu regions in Tachilek Township, and Monyang, Hsilu, Pankaing, Hotaung, Monghpyan region in Mongyawng Township [Shan] from Jan. 23-29. (NLM 1/31)

##### Cultural and Medical Visitors

Jan. 11: Cardiologists from the Shiga Medical Centre, Japan, led by Dr. Tamai of Cordis Co., treated patients Jan. 8-9 at the Defence Services General Hospital. They donated medical equipment worth K 7,000. (NLM 1/12)

Jan. 12: Two Japanese musicians, a pianist and violinist, arrived for a performance at the National Theatre. The duo, Miss Etsako Tamma and Miss Masako Honda, will stay a week, and will hold a workshop at the University of Culture on Jan. 15 and then visit Bagan. (NLM 1/13) // Jan. 13: They called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. They gave a special performance at the National Theatre. (NLM 1/ 14) // Jan. 15: They exchanged views with Myanmar counterparts. (NLM 1/16) // Jan. 18: They departed. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 17: 13 physicians from Britain led by Dr. U Aung Thein

called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin. (NLM 1/ 18)

Jan. 18: Dr. Paul D. Lewis of Hammersmith Hospital in Britain, and his wife Mrs. Hazelanne Lewis, called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, who also hosted a dinner for them. (NLM 19) // Jan. 20: A six-member delegation from Hammersmith Hospital and the Royal Post-

Graduate Medical School had arrived on Jan. 15, including Dr. Peter Smith and Dr. Graham Davies and Anaesthetic Physician Dr. David Zideman. They are performing various cardiac operations at the Defence Services General Hospital, and will remain until Jan. 25. (NLM 1/21) // Jan. 26: The cardiac team left. They operated on 8 patients, including 7 with cardiovascular disease and 1 with congenital cardiac disease. (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 22: Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt hosted a dinner for Myanmar doctors resident in the United States and England. [See also under Donations] (NLM 1/23) // Jan. 29: Chairman of the National Health Committee SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt hosted a dinner for the group, attended by many ministers. (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 26: Association Dean Prof. C. Joan Coggin of Loma Linda University of California called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin to discuss "cardiac operation and treatment, infant and child health, anaesthetics, public health studies, post-graduate and field studies." (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 30: Chairman Dr. William D. Sawyer of the China Medical Board in New York, and party, called on Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin to discuss medical cooperation. (NLM 1/31)

#### Business Visitors

Oct. 13: The delegation of the German and Thai Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok, headed by Mr. Adolph A. Knees, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and met with the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. \\ Managing Directors Mr. Mel Braithwaite and Mr. Khoo Soo Seng of SMB Holding Co. Ltd. of Singapore called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 10/14)

Jan. 6: An eight-member Japanese trade delegation led by Mr. Kazuo Tanikawa, member of the lower house of the Japanese Diet, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. The Japanese parliamentarian said that "his delegation comprises 21 [sic] members and they include entrepreneurs and health experts" here to study economic undertakings in Myanmar. (NLM 1/7) // Jan. 7: The mission called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. [photo shows more than 8 members of delegation] (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 9: A 25-member delegation from the Japanese Chamber of Industry and Trade in Bangkok, led by Chairman Mr. Hiroyuki Maruko of Mitsui Company Ltd. (Thai Branch), called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss investment opportunities in Myanmar. (NLM 1/10)

Jan. 12: A Chinese economic delegation led by President Mr. Li Tongzhou of CITIC Technology Inc. called on Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe. (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 13: Chairman Sir Sidney Gordon and party of China Light and Power (International) Ltd. of Hong Kong, called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 17: A delegation from Loxley Public Co. Ltd. of Thailand, led by Chairman Mr. Pairte Lamsam called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 17: The Second Fact Finding Mission from the United States, led by Director Mr. Thomas Vallely of the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID)/East Asia called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. "The mission is here to study the pattern undertaken by Myanmar in switching over from centralized economic system to market economic system in comparison to similar pattern of economic development in some South-

East Asian countries." (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 19: Chairman Mr. Koki Onodera of MCG Corporation of Japan, and party, called on Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 20: Former Australian Prime Minister Robert J.L. Hawke and delegation called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min, on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss economic projects. (NLM 1/21) // Jan. 23: The delegation called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. On Jan. 21-23 they visited Bagan and Mandalay. (NLM 1/24) // Jan. 25: Following a farewell call on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, former Prime Minister Hawke and party left. (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 23: Vice-Chairman Mr. John Tatum of Triton Oil Co. of the United States and party called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein to discuss off-shore and onshore oil and gas exploration. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 24: Chairman Mr. Robert M. Friedland of Ivanhoe Myanmar Holdings Ltd. of the United Kingdom [sic, probably should be Canada], and party, called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss investment prospects in Myanmar. (NLM 1/25) // Jan. 25: He called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min to discuss "progress in survey of copper mining project within ten months after signing the contract, completion of Monywa Copper survey, establishment of a pilot plant, producing copper with SX-EW method...and speedy production of refined cathode copper." (NLM 1/26) // Jan. 26: Ivanhoe Holdings Ltd. of Canada opened a Yangon Office at Room 401/402, International Business Centre, Pyay Road. It signed an agreement with No. 1 Mining Enterprise "to examine potential resources of No. 1 Copper Project." (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 25: Marketing Manager M. Philippe Moga of Plaimont Group Co. of France held a wine-tasting reception at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel, "aiming at exporting wines to Myanmar." (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 25: Director D. Laspina of the Italian Trade Commission (government agency) in Kuala Lumpur, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe to discuss cooperation and investment. (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 25: A trade mission from the Japan Federation of Commerce and Industry (JFCI), led by Dr. Uozumi, called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, and then attended a Seminar on Trade and Investment in Myanmar. (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 25: A 7-member Vietnamese trade delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr. Nguyen Ba Chuc of the Asia-Pacific Division, Ministry of Trade, met with Chairman U Khin Maung Yi and officers of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Jan. 23. (NLM 1/26)

#### Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group

Dec. 31: Members of the Sri Chinmoy International Meditation Group led by Sri Chinmoy arrived on Dec. 27. A total of 175 people from the United States, Britain, Switzerland, Germany, France, Canada, the Netherlands, Japan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere are in the group, which will stay here for 14 days before continuing on to Maui, Hawaii, on Jan. 10, 1995. "The group is holding mass meditation and religious discussions and chanting religious verses every evening in Mya Yeik Nyo Deluxe on Thukhawady Road, off Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road." Sri Chinmoy, aged 63, a Hindu, was born in Chittagong, Bangladesh, and has resided in the United States for 30 years. (NLM 1/1)

Jan. 2: Members of the group met with news media. Miss Shipra Lloyd of Australia joined the group 21 years ago, and is in charge of the musical group. Mr. Salil Wilson of Australia is in charge of sports. Secretary of the group, Miss Saraswati Martin of Puerto Rico, aged 45, joined the group at age 19, and is on her third visit to Myanmar; she said 85% of the group were singles. "She said she would like to be naturalized in Myanmar to live in the country permanently. She said her love and admiration for Myanmar was beyond expression and said devotion of Myanmar people for religion was amazing." UNICEF

employee Miss Chetana Hein of New York thanked Myanmar for its hospitality. Producer Mr. Pradhan Balter is from Chicago, USA. Mr. Pulak, in charge of documentary photos, said the group "is made up of doctors, engineers, carpenters, students and those from all walks of life." (NLM 1/ 3)

Jan. 6: Mr. Salil Wilson of Australia, in charge of sports in the Group, met with Deputy Director-General Lt-Col. Thein Aung of the SPED to coordinate the Jan. 9 Peace Run and Masters Games. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 8: Sri Chinmoy "held an exhibition of the 22,665 birds of peace which he has drawn since beginning his goodwill visit to Myanmar and Nepal on 27 December last year." Since arriving in Myanmar, he has drawn 11,666 soul birds. Selections from his nearly 3« million soul-birds have been exhibited worldwide. He has authored over 1,050 books and 11,000 songs, including 500 composed here in Myanmar and in Nepal. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 9: The International Peace Fun and Master's Games were held, with participants from Myanmar and from the Group. The Group completed its visit and left Myanmar to return to the United States. In a departure interview, Sri Chinmoy expressed his gratification at the visit. The Sri Chinmoy International Meditation Centre was founded in the United States in 1964 "to foster abiding happiness and fulfilling peace within the heart of aspiring humanity throughout the length and breadth of the world." On his departure Sri Chinmoy wrote the following song, in his native Bengali, entitled:

Myanmar: The Smile of Lord Buddha's Compassion-Eye

O Myanmar, O Myanmar, O Myanmar, Myanmar!  
For you, sleepless is Lord Buddha's Compassion-Eye.  
O Myanmar, purity-flooded are your eyes,  
Your spirituality-heart-cries  
And your dream-life-blossoms.  
From your heart's liberation-sky  
The sun of Truth Transcendental  
Beckons the entire humanity.

(NLM 1/10)

#### Religious Visitors

Jan. 2: Tripitaka treatises were presented to three monks from Sri Lanka, U Buddhivissuddhi, U Nyanavisuddhi, and U Silavisuddhi, who "studied Pariyatti scriptures at the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho (Yangon) starting from 1992." They received Theravada Buddhism (Special) Certificates. (NLM 1/3) // Jan. 5: They returned home to Sri Lanka. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 11: A 73-member Korean Buddhist delegation led by Venerable Moon Go Am of Beop Hwa Order arrived. (NLM 1/12) // Jan. 12: The delegation called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt, and toured Yangon. (NLM 1/13) // Jan. 13: The delegation left. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 15: Four Chinese boys were ordained as Buddhist samaneras in Mayangon Township, Yangon. Foreign Missionary Myanmar Rahan Bhaddanta Kundala (MA) and Chinese citizen Buddhists offered alms, and donated K 200,000 for the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary Tekkatho to be constructed on Dhammapala Hill. (NLM 1/16) // Jan. 26: Four Chinese monks led by Ashin Kundala met with Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin. (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 19: Chinese Theravada Sayadaw U Kusala, with three nuns and a layman, arrived; they will visit Lashio, meditate in Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, and tour famous pagodas. (NLM 1/20)

#### Foreign Journalists

Jan. 5: Mr. Watarju Fujishita of NHK, Japan, met with National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 9: Chief Bangkok Bureau Reporter of TV Asahi News Mr. Toru Yasui, and Reporter of Asahi Shimbun Hiroyuki Yamamoto called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (NLM 1/10)

#### Indonesian Delegations

Jan. 5: An Indonesian delegation led by Secretary for Minister Mr. A.R. Tondok called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding on technical cooperation between the Myanmar Ministry and the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 9: A delegation headed by Indonesian Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Dr. Sjarifudin Baharsjah arrived at the invitation of Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. It called on him, and later on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, to discuss cooperation. Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung hosted a dinner for the delegation. (NLM 1/10) // Jan. 10: The Minister visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, and agricultural projects in Hlegu and Bago. In the evening, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung hosted a dinner. (NLM 1/11). Jan. 11: The Minister was received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Later, two Memoranda of Understanding were signed; one with Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung on bilateral cooperation in agriculture technology, and one with Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung on bilateral cooperation in livestock breeding and fisheries. In the afternoon, the visiting Minister left for home. (NLM 1/12)

#### Japanese Parliamentarians

Jan. 16: Visiting members of the Japanese House of Counsellors Mr. Shigeto Nagano and Mr. Shinya Izumi, and delegation, called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 1/17)

#### Thai Foreign Minister

Jan. 18: Thai Foreign Minister Mr. Thakssin Shinawatra arrived with a delegation, on a goodwill visit at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. He was received by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, who hosted a dinner. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 19: After visiting the Shwedagon Pagoda, and donating US\$ 4,000, and calling on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, and on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, the Minister and his delegation returned home. (NLM 1/20)

#### Japanese Shadow Play Troupe

Jan. 21: A 17-member Tsunobue Japanese shadow play troupe led by Mr. Shirashi Takeshi arrived and called on Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt. It will present shows at the National Theatre on Jan. 22-23; tickets are K 75 for stalls and K 50 for the dress circle. (NLM 1/22) // Jan. 22: A special show was presented at the National Theatre, attended by Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt and Japanese Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Nobutake Odano. (NLM 1/23) // Jan. 24: The group held a workshop at the National Theatre, with speeches by Mr. Shirashi Takeshi and Miss Hiroko Kato, who "explained about the wonder of light and shade, delightfully playing with shadows and formations of animal shapes by suing fingers." A dinner was hosted by Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 1/25) // Jan. 25: The troupe left for home, after giving three performances and a workshop. (NLM 1/26)

#### Yunnan Deputy Governor

Jan. 20: Deputy Governor Mr. Liu Jing of Yunnan Province, China, called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha, on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 21: He called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 22: He called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, who also hosted a dinner. (NLM 1/23)

Jan. 24: He hosted a return dinner for Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 25: He returned home. (NLM 1/26)

#### US Burma Campaign Veterans

Jan. 25: A delegation of 25 retired officers and members of Merrill's Marauders, led by retired Brig-Gen. L. Robert Caster, who had "recapture Myitkyina from Japanese occupation during World War II," called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss their "goodwill visit here, revisiting places where they saw action during WW II and Myanmar's endeavours in eradicating narcotic drugs." (NLM 1/26) // Jan. 26: The veterans went sightseeing in Yangon. (NLM 1/27)

#### MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

##### Study Delegations

Jan. 4: Staff Officer U Thet Naing Oo of the Labour Department left for New Delhi, India, to attend a two-month Course on Human Resource Planning and Development sponsored by the Colombo Plan. (NLM 1/5)

Jan. 7: Officer on Special Duty Lt-Col. Tin Shwe of the Ministry of Trade, and Deputy General Managers U Khin Yon and U Thein Lwin of Myanmar Agricultural Products Trading left for Laos to attend the Jan. 9-14 Training Seminar on Implementation Issues in Cereals De-rationing and Marketing Liberalization and Privatization. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 8: Assistant Director U Tin Aye of the Trade Department left for Bangkok, Thailand to attend the Jan. 9-12 Seminar of Expert Consultation on the Changing Trade Environment for Oilseeds and Products in Asia and the Pacific Region. (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 10: A delegation led by Deputy Education Minister Col. Kyi Maung left for China to study education for two weeks. Other members are Director-General Dr. Khin Maung Win of the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department, Director-General U Myo Nyunt of the Higher Education Department, Chairman Thura U Aung Tun of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Examination Board, and Head of Office of the Education Ministry U Hla Myint. (NLM 1/12) // Jan. 29: The delegation returned. (NLM 1/30) // Jan. 30: The delegation held talks with authorities in Beijing and provincial authorities in Wu Han, Hubei Province, and visited schools and universities. On their way home they had talks with Thai officials in Bangkok, and with the UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific. (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 12: Deputy School Head Daw Swe Swe Tin of Ahlon BEHS No. 4 and Tutor of English Department Daw Ponnami Kyaw of the Institute of Foreign Languages left for Bangkok to attend a Jan. 12-14 Conference on Teaching English as a Second Language sponsored by the United States Government. (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 13: Principal Daw Than Than Aye of Hsaungda Weaving School in Amarapura of the Cottage Industries Department left for New Delhi on Jan. 10 to attend a two-month Course on Small Business Planning and Promotion under the Colombo Plan. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 14: Staff Officer U Than Tun of the Labour Department left for Israel to attend a Workshop on Workers' Role in Privatisation in Tel Aviv from Jan. 15 to Feb. 16. (NLM 1/15)

Jan. 17: Assistant Lecturer Daw Nyein Htay of the Botany Department, Yangon University, left Jan. 16 for Thailand to attend the Jan. 18-22 Ecotone IV: Ecology and Management of Mangrove Restoration in East and South-East Asia. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 18: Lecturer Daw Yee Yee Aung of the Archaeological Research Department at Yangon University left for India under a Scholarship Grant in the Field Techniques of Archaeology sponsored by the French Government. (NLM 1/19)

##### Delegations to Meetings & Events

Jan. 21: Director-General U Myo Min of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism left for Singapore to attend the Jan. 23 Seminar

on Investment Possibility in Development of Hotel and Tourism in Myanmar, sponsored by the Asian Business Forum of Singapore. (NLM 1/22) // Jan. 26: He returned. (NLM 1/27)

#### Delegations Return

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

Jan. 1: The delegation led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col. Tin Hlaing returned from Laos, via Thailand. (NLM 1/ 2)

#### MYANMAR GAZETTE

#### Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Jan. 18: U Soe Myint, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Energy Planning Department, Ministry of Energy. (NLM 1/19)

#### GOVERNMENT

#### Legal Articles

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

Jan. 8: Enhancement of sentence handed down to heroin traffickers, by KMO. [Reports on death sentences for drug offences in neighbouring countries.]

#### Independence Day Message

Jan. 4: 47th Independence Day Message from SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe [full text]:

On this auspicious 47th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I cordially and respectfully greet the people of all national races residing in the country.

Our Union of Myanmar had stood as a sovereign nation in the world for thousand of years, and the colonialists encroached upon and enslaved the nation. The national brethren, with strong patriotism, valiantly fought with whatever weapons they could lay their hands on, against the colonialist aggression and occupation. The patriots from among the various national races such as the Kachin, the Kayah, the Kayin, the Chin, the Bamar, the Mon, the Rakhine and the Shan who had taken part in the anticolonialist and national liberation struggles must be put on record as patriotic heroes in the annals of our history.

Similarly, members of the Tatmadaw, born of the national races, who have fought many battles with valour risking their lives in defence of independence, the service personnel and people should also be placed on record for their spirit of sacrifice.

The spirit of safeguarding independence, in addition to the love for national independence, has already been firm and strong among the citizens of Myanmar. We are dutybound to make efforts to hand this spirit down to our descendants at present and in future as well.

We, all the people of national races, must try our best, on self-reliance basis, to enable the nation to stand tall among the world nations as an independent nation and to perpetuate its sovereignty. This is the duty to be discharged by all the people of the Union to always protect and defend the nation in cooperation. Hence, the spirit of patriotism and the spirit of nationalism must ever be kept alive and dynamic.

When we review the historic events which we have experienced we will see that all the citizens of the Union have always been able to win victories against all kinds of enemies who were attempting to cause disintegration of the Union, home to the people residing together in weal or woe. And there have been instances in which every case of damage has been ameliorated.

During the period of more than six years of the State Law and Order Restoration Council which has emerged according to the

historical needs of the nation, firm foundations have been established and allround development has been achieved in the nation's political, economic, social, education and health spheres with public cooperation. This, all can see. It is necessary for the people of national races to make every effort and play whatever role they can to keep the present rate of allround development growing unhindered.

With such efforts, Myanmar will be able to always stand tall among the family of nations as a peaceful, developed and modern nation.

The government has been implementing construction projects of schools, bridges, hospitals, dispensaries, electric power, communications, irrigation networks etc. with added momentum for the development of border areas and national brethren in their long-term interests utilizing substantial funds, manpower and investment. At present 13 armed groups, after realizing the genuine goodwill of the government, have returned to the legal fold and are now implementing construction projects together with others.

The National Convention is being convened for the emergence of a new State Constitution which will suit the wishes and aspirations of the people of the Union and which will enable them to enjoy the rights they are entitled to and bring about their social development. At the National Convention, chapter headings of the constitution and fundamental principles that must be included in drafting the constitution have already been laid down and approved. The main chapters of the constitution, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary, are being discussed and coordinated in detail. All the citizens should be mindful of the fact that they are responsible for extending allout support for the emergence of the durable constitution in accordance with the six objectives of the National Convention.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council, which is providing leadership to the nation, will continue to exert strenuous efforts to achieve better results in the following tasks with public cooperation based on the favourable conditions already in hand:

(a) to always safeguard Our Three Main National Causes--non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty;

(b) to ensure prevalence of the rule of law and peace and tranquillity, ensure secure and smooth transportation, and ease the food, clothing and shelter problems of the people; and

(c) to give attention to and safeguard the tasks for the development of national races residing in Myanmar.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association that will provide practical training in spiritual, disciplinary, fitness and solidarity for the perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar was formed with the five noble and correct aims. It has been more than one year since its formation, the annual general meeting has also been successfully held. All the people of the national races are required to play an active role for the success of the aims of the association. Then only will all the causes of the Union be safe and secure and good foundations handed to the generations to come.

At present the Union of Myanmar has established remarkable favourable conditions in international relations and foreign trade. Sustained efforts are to be exerted in the country for allround development while maintaining success achieved in agriculture sector and in trade and services sectors. On the other hand, it is important to guard against the dangers of destructionists inside and outside the country. Then only will the nation ever remain as a modern, developed, peaceful and firm nation. All the people of the national races are to continue to cooperate with the State Law and Order Restoration Council to realize this.

Hence, I urge all the citizens to implement, with unswerving perseverance, earnest zeal, great strength and spirit, the National Objectives for the 47th Anniversary of the Independence Day.

(a) for the entire mass of the national people to make

concerted efforts in unity and harmony to protect and preserve the perpetuity of the State's independence and sovereignty;

(b) for all to cooperate and make concerted and relentless efforts for the development of the State and for emergence of a peaceful, pleasant and prosperous State; and

(c) for making efforts for the emergence of a new and durable State Constitution.  
(NLM 1/4)

#### Independence Day Activities

Jan. 4: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe hosted the annual Independence Day dinner and reception for officials, diplomats, and other distinguished guests. Published photographs showed him shaking hands with the Ambassadors of: Germany (Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Yangon). China, Egypt, Nepal, Russia, Nigeria (NLM 1/5); Indonesia, India, Italy, Bangladesh (NLM 1/6).

Jan. 4: The annual Flag Raising at 4:20 a.m. [the moment when Independence was declared in 1948--HCMacD.] was held at the People's Square, with Yangon Commander Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt presiding and reading the annual message from SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe [see above for text]. Other ceremonies were held around the nation. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed the prize distribution ceremony of the 1995 Independence Day Essay and Poetry Competitions and TV Quiz. Over 200,000 students took part in the competitions (NLM 1/5). 78,000 persons took part in the Second Mandalay Mayor's Marathon and Road Relay. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 14: The Myanmar Embassy in Singapore celebrated Independence Day Jan. 3 at the Mandrin Hotel. Ambassador U Kyaw Myint exchanged toasts with Acting Minister for National Development and Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Lim Hng Kiang. On Jan. 7, a get-together of Myanmar family members in Singapore was held, with Actor Yan Aung, actress May Than Nu, vocalists Sai Hti Hsai, Hema Nay Win, Corni, and Lay Phyu, plus the Iron Cross music troupe, entertaining the guests, who included Embassy staff and families, Singapore business representatives, and "over 5,000 Myanmar family members." (NLM 1/15)

#### Independence Day Congratulations

Jan. 4: Messages of congratulations on the occasion of Myanmar's 47th Independence Day were received from the following:

Heads of State [full texts in NLM]: Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Israel, Yugoslavia, France, Australia, Bangladesh (NLM 1/4); United Nations (Secretary-General), China, Egypt, Cambodia, Russia, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom, Iran, Iraq, India, Vietnam, Singapore (NLM 1/5); Canada, Portugal (NLM 1/7); Philippines, Pakistan (NLM 1/8); Romania, Croatia (NLM 1/9), Thailand (NLM 1/11); Japan, Mongolia, Cuba, Maldives (NLM 1/12); Mexico, Nepal, Brunei Darussalam, Hungary, Netherlands (NLM 1/13); Egypt, Mauritius, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Bhutan (NLM 1/14); Algeria, Syria, Mauritania, Albania (NLM 1/15); Madagascar (NLM 1/18); Cyprus (NLM 1/20); Libya (NLM 1/27).

Heads of Government [full texts in NLM]: Laos, Malaysia, Yugoslavia (NLM 1/4); China, Japan, Pakistan, Vietnam, Singapore (NLM 1/5); United Arab Emirates (NLM 1/14); Thailand (NLM 1/19)

#### Independence Day Titles & Honours

Jan. 4: Honours and religious titles were issued by the State Law and Order Restoration Council as follows, in honour of the 47th Anniversary of Independence Day:

SLORC Notification No. 1/95 (Religious Titles) [all recipients named]:

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title: 2 Sayadaws;  
Agga Maha Pandita Title: 21 Sayadaws (incl. 1 from Malaysia);  
Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Title: 30 Sayadaws and 1 nun;  
Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Title: 28 Sayadaws and 4 nuns;  
Cula Ganthavacaka Pandita Title: 8 Sayadaws;

Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Title: 9 Sayadaws;  
Maha Kammathanacariya Title: 2 Sayadaws;  
Cula Kammathanacariya Title: 1 Sayadaw;  
Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Title: 2 Sayadaws;  
Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Title: 1 Sayadaw. (NLM

1/4)

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title: 19 Sayadaws (incl. 1 from USA {Bhaddanta Candasiri, Taungpulu Kaba Aye Kyaungtaik, California} and 1 from India).

Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title: 8 Sayadaws and 1 nun.

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title: 4 Sayadaws and 4 laymen.

Sirisudhammsingi Title: 2 laymen. (NLM 1/5)

SLORC Notification No. 2/95 (Titles and Medals of Commendation to military and service personnel for excellent performance in various fields) [all named]:

Agriculture (Second class): 1

Agriculture (Third class): 3

Industrial (First class): 2

Industrial (Second class): 8

Industrial (Third class): 9

Administrative (First class): 7

Administrative (Second class): 8

Administrative (Third class): 9

Social (First class): 7 (NLM 1/4)

Social (Second class): 11

Social (Third class): 48

Ye Thura Medal: 1

Ye Bala Medal: 3

Ye Thurein: 3

Ye Kyaw Swa Medal: 6

Ye Kyaw Thu Medal: 4 (NLM 1/5)

Total: 159

SLORC Notification No. 3/95 (Military Good Service medals):

Total: 2,688

SLORC Notification No. 4/95 (Good Public Service medals):

Total: 14,239

SLORC Notification No. 5/95 (Good People's Police Force Service medals):

Total: 207

SLORC Notification No. 6/95 (People's Police Force Service medals):

Total: 406

SLORC Notification No. 7/95 (Public Service medals):

Total: 39,758

SLORC Notification No. 8/95 (People's Police Force Joint Service medals):

Total: 1,135

(NLM 1/4)

#### Myanmar Return Extended

Jan. 26: SLORC Declaration No. 1/95 of Jan. 26, Extension of Period of Permitting Right of Application to Persons, who for various reasons have left Myanmar for good and have taken up the Citizenship of any Foreign Country, to return and settle down in Myanmar [full text]:

1. The State Law and Order Restoration Council Declaration No. 3/93, dated 6th May, 1993 was issued to the effect that, if Myanmar citizens holding travelling documents legally issued by the authorities of Myanmar, who have left Myanmar for good, and have taken up the citizenship of any foreign country are desirous of taking up Myanmar citizenship again and re-settling in Myanmar, they may, after renouncing the citizenship of the foreign country apply to the relevant Myanmar Embassy/ Consulate-General or to the nearest Myanmar Embassy/Consulate-General, stating fully the reasons, within one year from the date of issue of the Declaration.

2. At present, as the political, economic and social

developments of the Union of Myanmar have come to be realized, it is learnt that there are still a large number of persons desirous of re-applying for citizenship, persons desirous of extending the tenure of their passports and persons desirous of obtaining new passports.

3. As such, it is hereby declared that the period prescribed by the State Law and Order Restoration Council Declaration No. 3/93, permitting right of application to return and settle down in Myanmar is extended to 31st December 1995.

By Order  
Sd Khin Nyunt  
Lieutenant-General  
Secretary (1)

State Law and Order Restoration Council  
(NLM 1/27)

Jan. 27: Ministry of Home Affairs Declaration No. 1/95 of Jan. 27, Extension of period permitted to persons who have not taken up the citizenship of any foreign country although their passports have expired and persons who have been suspended by the authorities concerned from extending the tenure of their passports, to apply for extension of the tenure of their passports or for obtaining new passports [full text]:

1. The Declaration of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Declaration No. 1/93), dated 7th Waning of Kason, 1355 ME (12th May, 1993), was issued to the effect that the period of applying for extension of the tenure of passports and for obtaining new passports by persons who have not taken up the citizenship of any foreign country although their passports have expired and persons who have been suspended by the authorities concerned from extending the tenure of their passports has been designated one year effective 6th May, 1993.

2. At present, as it is informed of the fact that there still remains a large number of persons who, for various reasons, are desirous of applying for extending the tenure of their passports or for obtaining new passports, it is hereby declared that the period permitted for applying has been extended up to the 31st December, 1995.

By Order  
Sd Lieutenant-General Mya Thin  
Minister  
The Ministry of Home Affairs

(NLM 1/28)

#### MILITARY

#### Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Jan. 6: Four members of the ABSDF armed group returned to the legal fold on Jan. 1 at the Htisekha military camp [names and details]. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 16: Two members of the Kayin armed group surrendered Jan. 1 at Palaw [names and details]. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 17: Between Dec. 1-16, 1994, 25 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 21: Between Dec. 17-31 25 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 1/22)

#### Major Defections

Jan. 25: U Zarli Maw, Vice Chairman of Danyata (DAB), returned to the legal fold on Jan. 13. He had gone underground in 1965, returned to Myanmar in 1980 under the amnesty, returned to Thailand in 1981, and visited Myanmar again in 1988. In Thailand he formed, and became Chairman of, the Student Refuge Centre in Dec. 1988. In Jan. 1989 he became Vice-Chairman of the 13-member Danyata. "Accepting the political objectives and national undertakings of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, he returned to the legal fold, pledging not to get involved in any anti-government activities and to participate only in economic ventures in the future. U Zarli

Maw has now been removed from the list of absconders, in which he was placed by the SID of the People's Police Force for his participation in anti-government activities." (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 28 [full text]: "Kayins opposing Bo Mya's leadership form DKBO in Myainggyingu. Nearly 4,000 members of Kayin armed group (KNU), who opposed Bo Mya's leadership, left their main force and organized Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBO) in Myainggyingu Village in Hlaingbwe Township in Myanmar, on 21 December 1994. The armed group has taken foothold and there has been active along the border in Kayin State. Families of DKBO members, Kayin nationals of Buddhist faith and absconders who were residing at camps controlled by KNU in the other country have been returning to the country at Myainggyingu Village in groups since the organization was formed. A total of 1,496 males and 1,564 females of 647 households have arrived at the village to date. The returnees were warmly welcomed and provided with food, clothing and other kinds of assistance by the regional people of towns and villages along their route. DKBO members and the public are systematically resettling them at the village." (NLM 1/29)

## ECONOMIC

### Economic Articles

Jan. 5: The Co-operative Market Festival, Yangon, by Ye Aung. [The Third Co-operative Market Festival (Yangon) will be held in Thuwunna Sports Stadium, Jan. 7-12, 1995. This is the ninth coop Festival; results from earlier ones were (figures all in millions):

(1) Myanma Co-operative Commodity Show (Tatmadaw Hall), Jan. 5-16, 1993-- cash sales K 1.78; contract sales US 13.34, K 114.90.

(2) Myanma Co-operative Industries Show (Tatmadaw Hall), June 20-30, 1993-- cash K 14.37; contract K 69.28; orders K 6.45.

(3) Packaging Exhibition (Tatmadaw Hall), Nov. 9-14, 1993-- machinery sales K 3.82; Co-op & private sales K 6.30.

(4) Tachilek Myanma Commodity Exhibition (Shan Yomah Department Store), Dec. 21-31, 1993--cash Baht 7.83, US\$ 0.063, K 0.54; contract US\$ 4.70; signed contracts US\$ 14.93, Bahts 6.53, K 3.00.

(5) Myanma Commodity Fair (Trade Ministry) (Theingyi Zay C Hall), Apr. 2-21-- cash K 9.54, US\$ 0.02; contract US\$ 0.07.

(6) Co-operative Market Festival (Mandalay) (Cha Mya Thazi D.S.), May 16-24, 1994 --cash K 22.35, contract K 112.95;

(7) Moe U Pan Co-op Products and New Products Fair (Theinbyu Market), June 24-28, 1994--cash K 6.38;

(8) Co-operative Market Festival (Monywa) (New Mingala Market), Oct. 24-Nov. 4, 1994--cash K 24.31, contract K 153.78.]

Jan. 17: Thettaw Reservoir Opening Ceremony in Auspicious New Year, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [Visit to inauguration in Thazi Township, Mandalay Division.]

Jan. 28: With so much to show, by Ye Myint (Thittaw). [Report on visit to the "Bago Yomah Trunk Road," one of the "ecotourism" sites selected by the Forestry Ministry. Working elephants, village life with traditional Kayin costumes, primitive customs, and happiness {"we even wondered whether we had already gone back to the Nineteenth Century"}, teak plantations, and the Hmawzar Thirikhethra {Pyu} Museum outside Pyay {Prome}.]

### Inauguration of Projects

Dec. 31: The K 27.1 million Namkha Creek Bridge on the Pangsang-Mongpauk Road in the Wa region was inaugurated Dec. 29 by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Yin, who were welcomed by Wa national leaders U Kyauk Nyi Lai and U Li Zi Yu and other officials. (NLM 1/1)

Jan. 1: The K 58.7 million Kyeintali River Bridge on the Thandwe-Gwa Road in Rakhine State was inaugurated by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs

Lt-Gen. Maung Thint and SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 1/2)

Jan. 3: The upgraded, 12,750 foot, six-lane Weizayanda Road in South Okkalapa Township [Yangon] was commissioned by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and others. (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 5: The Phu Pwint Thit Co. of the People's Police Force was opened in Shwebontha Yeyeiktha by Police-Adjutant General Brig-Gen. Tin Maung Oo. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 7: The Royal Garden Restaurant, jointly operated by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and by Smile World Col. Ltd. represented by Director U Hla Thein, opened [see also under Advertisements]. (NLM 1/8)

Jan. 12: A new K 2.0 million gymnasium was inaugurated Jan. 1 in Kawkareik, Kayin State. (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 14: The Natmauk Diversion Weir, which will irrigate 43,200 acres and help boost edible oil production, was inaugurated in Natmauk Township, Magway Division, by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein. (NLM 1/15)

#### Advertisements

Jan. 1: A variety of firms published advertisements wishing customers a Happy New Year. E.g.,  
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(NLM 1/2)

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Jan. 4: Full page advertising supplement from Myanmar Airways International, in honor of 47th Independence Day; full page ad from Dunhill Cigarettes on reverse. (NLM 1/4)

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Jan. 5: Full page advertisement from Gold Star, advertising a "Lucky Draw" for prizes worth K 1,337,600, and offering reduced prices from Jan. 18-Feb. 28 on the following: VCP, P-600M, With Remote Control--K 20,900 (reduced from K 22,000). 14" CTV, CF14A70D, 23 systems--K 25,650 (reduced from K 27,000). 14" CTV, CN-14A41, NTSC System--K 19,475 (reduced from K 20,500). 20" CTV, CF-20A70D, 23 systems--K 35,150 (reduced from K 37,000). (NLM 1/6)

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Jan. 14: Full page advertising supplement; on side with ad for Myanmar Media International Ltd.; the other with ad for Gold Star electronics [Korean]. (NLM 1/14)

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Jan. 25: Full page display advertisement for SONY Trinitron TV sets.  
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International Business Projects  
Jan. 17: A ground-breaking ceremony was held for the Yangon Hotel on the corner of Signal Pagoda Road and Yaw Mingyi Street, Yangon. The US\$ 30 million hotel will have 340 rooms, a shopping mall, offices, and auditorium, meeting halls, gymnasium, tennis courts, swimming pool, and karaoke. Its basement car park will accommodate over 200 cars. It is co-sponsored by Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Trading and Yangon Hotel Ltd., the latter a joint venture between Yangon Investments and Myanmar Exports Co. Ltd. Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, Chairman Mr. Tan Kok Quan of Yangon Hotel Ltd. [of Singapore], and others attended; the hotel will be completed in 30 months. (NLM 1/18)  
Jan. 17: A ceremony was held to mark the opening of the JVC Showroom and Sales Centre at 226/228 Maha Bandoola Street, attended by several Ministers, Director Mr. Y. Harakawa of the Victor Company of Japan, Ltd., Managing Director Mr. Mamoru Otake of JVC (Singapore) Sales & Services Pte. Ltd., Managing Director Mr. Sng Sze Hiang of Ambur International Co. Ltd. and others. "JVC cassette tapes, video tapes, cassettes and video decks will be sold in kyats." (NLM 1/18) // Jan. 18: The opening was celebrated by a dinner at the Nawarat Hotel, with various Ministers present. (NLM 1/19)  
Jan. 19: In the presence of Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi and others, Chairman Mr. Prem Chai of NPK (Engineering) opened a Mitsui airconditioner marketing showroom. (NLM 1/20)  
Jan. 20: Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung addressed the inauguration of the Sun Thit Co. Ltd. cold storage plant in the Fisheries Department compound on Sinmin Road,

Ahlon Township, Yangon. "Instead of trading in fish and prawns, Sun Thit exports fish slices processed through advanced techniques and fetches handsome prices. Fish and prawn are sliced, processed and sold to Sea Food Traders of Australia and fetch more than two million dollars per year." There are 100 workers, who freeze 3 tons a day; the cold storage capacity is 60 tons. Governing Director Mr. Noel Ambrose Gallagher of Sea Food Traders and Chairman U Aung Thein Han of Sun Thit Co. also spoke. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 21: The cornerstone was laid for the Airport Hotel at Shukhinthagon near Yangon International Airport, a US\$ 5 million, 121 room, hotel being constructed under the BOT system by Austral Amalgamated Tin Berhad of Malaysia, represented by Director Mr. Tow Kong Liang, and the Civil Aviation Department. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 26: Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings and Eastern & Oriental Express Ltd. will today sign an agreement "to start tourism and leisure projects in Myanmar." The Irrawaddy Cruise and Navigation Co. will be established to operate river cruises from Mandalay, using the 120 passenger MS Mandalay, a former German river steamer. It will run 3- and 4-day cruises between Mandalay and Bagan. It will also convert a former vintage luxury liner, the Princess Marguerite, into a 105-room five-star hotel to be moored alongside Yangon port. E & O is owned by a consortium, including Orient Express Hotels (25%), in turn owned by Sea Containers of London. Other major E & O shareholders are YTL Corporation Berhad of Malaysia, Landmarks Berhad of Malaysia, and Italthai Industrial Co. Ltd. (Thailand). E & O has appointed the Kyaw Lynn Naing Co. Ltd. of Yangon as its Myanmar agents. (half-page ad., NLM 1/27) // Jan. 27: President Mr. James B. Sherwood of Sea Containers and E & O Express called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss his floating hotel and river cruise project. He also signed an agreement for these projects with the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd., represented by Chairman Judge Advocate-General Brig-Gen. Than Oo, in association with the KLN Group. (NLM 1/28)

#### Business Courses

Jan. 3: A one-month Course No. 1 for Exporters and Importers, with 74 trainees, opened at the Ministry of Trade. "Over 7,000 persons have already attended or participated in courses, workshops and seminars conducted by the ministry...for enabling entrepreneurs to be skilled in their business." (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 8: Seminar on Business Education No. 20 will be held Jan. 11 at the Ministry of Trade, with a lecture on Entrepreneurship from U Ye Myint of Myanma Computer Co. Ltd. (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 9: Job Orientation Course No. 1/95 for Assistant Bank Managers opened at Branch Bank 1, and was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin and others. 42 banking personnel are attending the 12 week course. (NLM 1/ 10)

Jan. 15: Seminar on Business Education No. 21 will be held Jan. 18 at the Ministry of Trade, with a lecture on Privatization Basic Principles, Procedures, Methods, and Lessons by Prof. Dr. Tin Soe of the Institute of Economics. (NLM 1/16) // Jan. 18: Regional Programme Director Mr. George Waber of Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany, based in Singapore, spoke. (NLM 1/ 19)

#### Tourism

Jan. 3: At a coordination meeting, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba spoke of the importance that "tourists... feel fully satisfied when they leave and with pleasant memories lingering on and with a desire to come again.... He said that as hotel and tourism is service industry, there is no cause to feel that it is a low down and degrading work and their duty is to satisfy guests.... It is also necessary for their pricing and tariff to be reasonable. It should not be the case in which they are charged too much at one sitting as this could cause them to shy away and never want to come back.... In promoting tourism in the country it should be based not merely on cultural trait but also for the tourists to

enjoy adventure such as arranging rafting, trekking and mountaineering trips and these trips will bring in more income, he said....

"He said it is being heard that when tourists arrive at the airport, illegal tourist guides, unscrupulous service personnel and some self-seeking entrepreneurs take them to cheap hotels and guest houses which charge them exorbitantly and thus cause dissatisfaction to the tourists. Such hotels and motels are infested with flies and mosquitoes and rats, and they provide them with stale, unclean and tasteless food with the result that they have to go out to eat elsewhere. Moreover, hotel rates and transport fares are found to be varied.... He pointed out that due to this the hotels, motels, inns and rest houses will have to be upgraded to two-star level and these in turn will be classified into five categories depending on facility and service. He said the transport fee from the airport to downtown Yangon should not exceed 3 US dollars and these matters will be discussed in detail later...." (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 10: Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba visited Tharyar Beach Resort Area in Gwa Township [Rakhine], where a new seaside resort is planned. 20 State-owned bungalows are under construction in one part of the 91-acre resort area. Between 150 and 200 world class hotel rooms are planned. The Gwa-Thandwe road must be repaired, and the old Gwa airfield, "in disuse for 12 years," must be extended by 2,000 yards to permit domestic flights to land. (NLM 1/11)

Jan. 16: Two tourist cruise ships will visit Yangon: the ms Sea Goddess with 43 tourists from Jan. 17-18, and the ms Mermoz with 392 tourists from Jan. 19-21. (NLM 1/17) // Jan. 17: The ms Sea Goddess arrived, under joint arrangements between Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and Cunard Ships Hotel Resort Co. of the United States. The 38 tourists are from the US (25), Australia (6), Norway (5), and Brazil (2), and will visit Bagan by air. (NLM 1/18) // Jan. 18: The ship departed. Various Ministries earned US\$ 40,404 from the tourists, and the Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise took in K 2,597. (NLM 1/ 19) // Jan. 19: The ms Mermoz arrived with 441 visitors, who visited Yangon and Bago in groups. (NLM 1/20) // Jan. 21: The ms Mermoz concluded its visit, after its tourists spent US\$ 129,932 and K 4,402. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 21: A new Fokker-27 aircraft, XY-AET, arrived from Denmark for Myanma Airways, piloted by Chief Pilot (Flight) U Tha Zan and Captains Kyaw Than and Nay Win. (NLM 1/22) // Jan. 28: It went into service with a maiden flight to Kawthoung. (NLM 1/29)

Jan. 24: The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism denied that hotel licenses are to be revoked, although "rumours are being spread that hotels, motels, inns and guest houses which have less than 15 rooms will not be allowed to continue to operate." It said entrepreneurs can open facilities in accordance with the rules, and that licenses have been issued, as of December 1994, to 195 hotels, motels, inns, and guest houses, 247 tourist agencies, 531 coaches, and 468 tourist guides. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 25: Two cruiseliners are arriving today, with a total of 486 passengers. Ms Song of Flower will arrive with 145 passengers under joint sponsorship of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and Radisson Seven Seas Cruises Co. of the United States. Ms Pearl with 341 passengers will also arrive, sponsored by MHTS and Croisieres Pacquet of France. The tourists will remain until Jan. 28, visiting Yangon, Bago, and Bagan-NyaungU. (NLM 1/26) // Jan. 26: The two ships arrived. Of the 145 passengers on the ms Song of Flower, 143 are from the United States. Of the 304 passengers on the ms Pearl, 143 are from the United States and 100 from Canada. (NLM 1/27) // Jan. 27: Some of the tourists visited sights in Yangon, while others visited Bagan. 131 of the ms Song of Flower tourists left Myanmar by Thai Airways International. Another group of 159 tourists arrived by Thai Airways International [to replace them on the ship??? --HCM]. (NLM 1/28) // Jan. 28: The two cruiseliners departed, having spent US\$ 147,593 and K 9,131 during their stays. (NLM 1/29)

#### National Races Village

Jan. 10: The National Races Affairs Subcommittee of the Tourist Development Management Committee met and was addressed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. He said that the SLORC "is implementing the tasks for the development of tourism industry in the country by designating 1996 as the Visit Myanmar Year and this includes establishment of villages of national races. Before the establishment of villages of national races, it is necessary to keep the complete traditional implements used by the different national races at the eight houses of the national races built at the People's Park. It is also necessary to show video features of the traditions, customs and culture of the different national races at the Pyidaungsu Ayeyeiknyeain [national races village], he said.

"He pointed out that companies were invited to invest for establishing of village of national races and so far four companies have come forward and sent intimations and tasks will begin.... He said about three persons who are proficient in spoken English are to be appointed to explain the traditions, customs and culture of the national races. The mode of dress of the national races must be exhibited, video features must be shown and pamphlets on brief history of different national races and postcards must be distributed."

Commandant of the Defence Services Records Office Col. Khin Lat then spoke "on selecting and appointing national races at the national races village (Pyidaungsu Ayeyeiknyeain), and others spoke on other aspects of the project. (NLM 1/11)

#### Privatisation

Jan. 9: SLORC Notification No. 10/95 creates a Privatisation Commission "to facilitate market-oriented economy and smooth-running of enterprises." The commission comprises:

Chairman: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt  
Secretary: 1  
Joint Secretaries: 2  
Members: 16

The Privatisation Commission issued Notification 1/95, designating 51 economic enterprises of various ministries to be privatized in the first phase.

The Privatisation Commission issued Notification No. 2/95, forming an Evaluation and Assessment Committee for privatisation of State-owned economic enterprises.

All three documents were signed SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 1/10)

#### Coop Market Festival

Jan. 6: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe and Madame Than Shwe both visited the venue of the Cooperative Market Festival (Yangon), which opens Jan. 7. (NLM 1/7)

Jan. 7: The Festival opened, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and by the Festival Patron SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo.

Jan. 8: On the second day proceeds were K 10.4 million. Among exhibitors were Milky Way Glass Cooperative Society, run by youths of Magway Division and making car windshields--"any windshield replacement can be completed within 12 hours." Also Zinyaw Import and Export Enterprise, which "sells imported roofing materials assuring durability for 20 years." (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 9: Third day sales were K 12.4 million. Over 100,000 people visited. (NLM 1/ 10)

Jan. 10: Fourth day cash sales were K12.9 million, and contract sales were K 22.9 million. The Festival, originally scheduled to close on Jan. 12, is extended to Jan. 15 because of the large turnout. (NLM 1/11)

Jan. 11: Cash sales were K 13.1 million, and contracts were K

11.5 million plus US\$ 350,000. All 440 stalls are occupied. (NLM 1/12)

Jan. 12: Cash sales were K 14.0 million and contracts were K 23.8 million. "One significant fact about the Coop Market Festival is that despite the number of people visiting the festival, the festival ground was kept clean and neat by the Yangon City Development Committee and Thingangyun Township Development Committee which made efforts to clear away the garbage daily." (NLM 1/13)

Jan. 13: Cash sales were K 13.3 million and contracts were K 30 million. Large crowds continued to visit on this, the seventh day. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 14: Cash sales were K 13.6 million and contracts were K 17.8 million. A contract for US 189,000 was signed between Tet Cooperative Society Ltd. of Oktwin Township and SB Prime International of Thailand for 200 tons of pyinkado and 200 tons of inkanyin [timbers]. (NLM 1/15)

Jan. 15: On the final day sale were K 16.9 million and contracts were K 132 million plus US\$ 657,000. Htet Arkakyaw Cooperative Syndicate contracted to sell timber worth US\$ 283,500 to SB Prime International Co. Ltd. of Thailand; Tet Cooperative Society Ltd. of Oktwin Township contracted to sell 100 tons of padauk worthy US 125,000 to Bursinta Marketing Pte. Ltd. of Singapore; and Kyaw Cooperative Society Ltd. of Toungoo sold 100 tons of pyinkado to the Singapore company for US\$ 60,000. The Market was officially closed by Patron SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. Total sales were K 119,263,000, and contract sales were K 274,739,000 plus US\$ 1,011,000. (NLM 1/16)

Jan. 16: After the official closing at 6 pm on Jan. 15, shops stayed open until 11 pm. Additional cash sales were K 18.3 million, and contract sales were K 33.2 million. (NLM 1/17)

#### Conservation of Forests

Jan. 6: SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo attended a coordination meeting on finding firewood substitutes, noting that "forests will be depleted if a kind of firewood substitute fuel cannot be produced and distributed at low cost." While firewood plantations may suffice for rural areas, a substitute fuel is needed for urban areas and industrial establishments. He called for designation of 1995 as the Year of Firewood Substitute Fuel Innovation and Application, and making the project a national duty. "He noted that electric and solar power, kerosene, natural gas, coal, charcoal produced from paddy husk or sawdust and other waste products can be utilized as substitute fuels, underscoring the need to practically innovate and produce the one at low cost." (NLM 1/ 7)

Jan. 20: "The first seminar on participation of the private sector in development of wood-based industries," co-sponsored by the Myanma Timber Merchants Association and Forest Products Joint Venture Corp. Ltd., was addressed by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe.

"In his address, [he] noted that conservation and exploitation of forest resources is becoming a global concern....

"In the past, he said, forests were regarded as a resource which can easily be replenished and managed depending on marketability, and natural forests were replaced with forest plantations.

"Wood-based industries such as paper, pulp and plywood industries were extended on a large scale and timber was produced excessively, he said.

"As years passed, the world encountered shortage of timber as well as adverse weather conditions, he said.

"Besides, the world is facing depletion of ozone layer as well as greenhouse effect, he said, adding that according to scientists, the ice on the South and the North poles will melt if it goes on like this.

"The countries in temperate and boreal regions, he said, accused those in tropical regions of the adverse affects and attempted to make certain restrictions in exploitation of forest

resources.

"Temperate and boreal forests, he said, produce 90 per cent of global timber, whereas tropical forests produce only 10 per cent.

"Seventy-five per cent of timber produced from tropical forests, he said, is utilized by most of the countries in temperate and boreal regions.

Under these circumstances, he said, State leaders of countries in tropical regions rebutted the accusations, and tropical forests are therefore regarded equally as temperate and boreal forests....

"He emphasized the task of striking a balance between conservation of environment and exploitation of forests and dealt with the changing principles for forest development to be in harmony with marketability, environmental and social aspects.

"He also spoke of the arrangements of some countries to reduce the production of timber as raw material and integrated methods on management of forests based on economy and environmental conservation.

"It should not be contented for Myanmar for having 50 per cent of forest cover on the total area of country and must be attentive to conservation of forests, he stressed.

"Illegal timber production is one of the major factors for depletion of forests, he said, calling on private entrepreneurs to be mindful of the importance of forests and cooperate in the task for conservation ...." (NLM 1/21)

#### Rice Trade Freed

Jan. 12 [full text]: "Rice can be traded freely. The Ministry of Trade today repealed its announcement regarding registration of Myanmar wholesale rice dealers to introduce free rice trade.

"Cancellation of the announcement, issued on 8 February 1990, is also aimed at ensuring smooth flow of retail and wholesale rice and bringing down prices." (NLM 1/13)

#### Boats To and From China

Jan. 17: Five boats purchased from the Yunnan Industrial Import-Export Corporation by Inland Water Transport arrived at Thilawa Port. IWT has ordered 14 motorized vessels and 28 cargo vessels worth US\$ 30 million; the first arrivals were 3 passenger boats and 2 push tugs. (NLM 1/18)

Jan. 19: A last batch of three 100-ton cargo barges (of a total of nine) for Yunnan Industrial Import Export Corp. were launched at Ahlon Shipyard. "Out of the 28 100-ton cargo barges to be built for the [YIIEC], nine were built at the Ahlon Shipyard. The third and last batch of the three were completed two-and-half months earlier than schedules. Based on the experience in building the former six barges, the last three were provided with ventilation system to prevent moisture accumulation." (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 21: The Dalla Shipyard launched three 250-ton cargo barges for Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corp. Of 28 barges ordered, 10 were built at Dalla Shipyard. Speakers included Mr. Cai Jingtai of Yunnan Province. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 24: The first five (of 14) vessels built by Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corp. under a US\$ 30 million contract were delivered to the Inland Water Transport, with papers signed by YMIEC Chairman Mr. Wu Wen Kuan. The five include three triple-deckers and two push-tugs. (NLM 1/25).

#### Banking

Jan. 19: A Representative Office of the Banque Indo-suez was opened at 33 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, by Head of the Asia and Pacific Region Economic Bank M. Philippe Deseranees and French Ambassador M. Bernard Pottier, in the presence of Governor U Kyi Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and Myanmar Representative of the Banque Indo-suez U Tin Maung Lay. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 25: A license was issued Jan. 23 to the Banque Francaise de Commerce Exterieur of France to open a Representative Office in

Yangon. Such licenses have now been issued to 24 foreign banks, from Thailand (6), Singapore (5), Malaysia (3), France (2), and one each from Indonesia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, and Bangladesh. (NLM 1/26)

#### Pearl Sale

Jan. 23: Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min "inspected the second class pearl lots produced by the Myanmar Pearl Enterprise to be sold in kyats to the private sector for the first time in the country...." 70 lots of pearls, comprising 9,016 pieces, will be sold through competitive bidding, with a reserve price of K 4.1 million. The public may inspect them Jan. 24-25; tenders are to be submitted Jan. 26, and the sale will take place Jan. 27. (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 27: 58 lots of pearls fetched K 7.88 million. U Maung Myint, who bought 28 lots for K 4.7 million, was given a prize. (NLM 1/28)

#### Taxation

Jan. 24: Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin clarified Ministry notifications on profit tax relief and levying commercial tax and income tax in foreign exchange [see November Burma Press Summary], in a speech to members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said the notifications had been made after serious consideration, and added that "notification has been issued requiring that five per cent at most should be collected as commercial tax." (NLM 1/25)

#### Border Development

Jan. 25: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed officials concerned with border development, and commented on lagging construction for Fiscal 1994-95 [Apr. 1 - Mar. 31]. Roads and bridges: Original target was 1,162 miles and 186 bridges, later reduced to 1,023 miles and 130 bridges. Funds allotted were changed from K 1,664 million to K 320 million. As of December only 500 miles of road (49%) and 48 bridges (37%) had been built, and only K 37 million (12%) spent. Since roads must be built in the dry season, speed was necessary. Schools: Target was 23 new primary schools, 9 primary to middle upgrades, and 5 middle to high upgrades. So far there were only two upgrades (5.4%) Funds: Total funds for major projects was set at K 2,275 million, but only K 556 million had been obtained as of December 31. For Fiscal 1995-96, K 2,900 million was allotted, but only K 551 million had been requested. [other statistics] (NLM 1/ 26)

#### Thai Natural Gas Contract Signed

Jan. 30: Contracts for the sale to Thailand of natural gas from the Yadana gas field in the Muktama offshore area were signed by Managing Director of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Managing Director Mr. J.M. Beuque of Total Oil Company of France, Vice-Chairman Mr. M.F. Miller of American Unocal Oil Co., and Chairman Mr. Viset Choopiban of the Petroleum Authority of Thailand Exploration and Production International. (NLM 1/31)

#### Economic Miscellany

Jan. 1: Minister for Education U Pan Aung and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Kyaw Tin inspected Bago's Kandawgyi Reservoir which supplies drinking water to the town. Minister U Pan Aung called on officials to "meet the target of supplying sufficient water to Bago by the year 2000." The reservoir now supplies 1 million gallons per day, though it can supply over 4 million; only 12 of the 23 wards in Bago are served. (NLM 1/2)

Jan. 3: All factories under the Ministry of Industry-1 exceeded targets for the first quarter of 1994-95, and all were financially profitable, said Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. "He called on the factories to make sustained efforts to ensure that there occur no loss.... They are to function according to the market

economy laid down by the State...." (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 15: Texaco Exploration Myanmar Inc. of the United States, represented by Managing Director Alan Satterlee and Executive Engineer Larry Chaney, began offshore drilling at Dawei [Tavoy] Test Well 1, undertaken by the Deep Sea Ice in Yedagan Region, Taninthayi [sic] Division. Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein opened the drilling. (NLM 1/16)

Jan. 18: The Ministry of Agriculture plans to make Myanmar self-sufficient in edible oil within three years. Acreage for growing groundnut, sessamum, and sunflower will be increased from 720,000 in 1995-96, to 1.44 million in 1996-97, and 2.29 million in 1997-98. Edible oil production should rise from 60,000 tons to 100,000 tons to 200,000 tons by the third year. (NLM 1/19)

Jan. 21: 300 Xing Xing pumps, usable with 12-inch pipe, arrived from China for irrigation use. (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 28: The Irrigation Department has purchased 73 vehicles for US\$ 5.7 million: 22 tippers and 10 excavators from Korea, 20 tippers and 6 trucks from Japan, and 15 scrapers from Italy. They are now arriving. (NLM 1/29)

Jan. 29: Minister for Industry-2 U Than Shwe said Myanmar Heavy Industries will sell a new Model XQA Myanmar Jeep (assembled with 85% local parts and 15% imports); it is superior to the old Model MJ1VA and MJ1QA. (NLM 1/29)

#### 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	120.16	120.94	117.36
1995			

as of:

January 30:           0.00           0.00   0.00

#### SPORTS

##### Myanmar Teams and Delegations

Jan. 16: The Myanmar men's volleyball team returned from the First Invitational Volleyball Tournament in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Jan. 8-14, after winning silver. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 17: A 50-member Winter Selected mountaineering team, including members of the Hiking and Mountaineering Association of Patheingyi Degree College, led by U Myo Thant, will scale the 10,500 foot Mount Khawnuthum (Mount Victoria), reaching the peak on Jan. 25 and erecting a stone pillar. (NLM 1/18)

##### Foreign Teams and Sponsors

Jan. 3: GoldStar Football Club of Korea will play friendly matches with Myanmar Selected on Jan. 15 and 17, said General Manager Sung Hwan Moon of Goldstar Co. Ltd. Bangkok Representative Office. (NLM 1/4) // Jan. 10: The team will arrive Jan. 14. Tickets will cost K 100 for grandstand seats, and K 50 for ordinary stands; ticket holders will get a 5% discount at the Goldstar Showroom. (NLM 1/11) // Jan. 14: The GoldStar team arrived, led by President Mr. Kang Jeung Hwan, with Head Coach Mr. Cho Young Jeung. A press conference was reported in a Goldstar full page ad. (NLM 1/15) // Jan. 15: Myanmar beat GoldStar 2-1, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 1/16) // Jan. 17: GoldStar beat Myanmar Football Federation Selected 4-2. (NLM 1/18) // Jan. 18: Following a call on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen.

Lun Maung, President of the Myanmar National Olympic Council, who had hosted them for dinner the night before, the team departed. (NLM 1/19) // Jan. 27: Prizes were distributed in a lottery for those who correctly predicted the scores: For the first match there were 88,363 entries, 3,827 "hit the correct scores." For the second match, there were 70,462 entries and 2,664 correct answers. 65 prizes were allotted for each match and the names of winners will be published Jan. 29. (NLM 1/28) \\ Jan. 30: List of winners (in Burmese). (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 20: The Soccer Tournament for the 1995 Tiger Beer Championship Cup, jointly sponsored by the Myanma Football Federation and Tiger Beer, represented by Country Manager (Myanmar) Mr. Steven Woon of Asia Pacific Breweries (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., and Managing Director U Sein Wian of Pinya International Trading Co. Ltd., began. (NLM 1/21) // Jan. 21-23: The Tournament continued. (NLM 1/22-24) // Jan. 26: The Tournament continued. (NLM 1/27) \\ Jan. 29: The Tournament continued (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 22: The Areder Tennis Tournament, jointly sponsored by the Myanmar Tennis Federation and Areder Trading and Investment Pte. Ltd., Singapore, represented by President Mr. George Tan, opened at the Theinbyu Tennis Plaza. (NLM 1/23) // Jan. 28: The finals were held. (NLM 1/29)

#### Holes-in-one

Jan. 3: U Win Myint (Press) scored an ace Dec. 29 at the Myanmar Golf Club. (NLM 1/4)

Jan. 6: Deputy Director-General of Prisons U Kyaw Tun scored an ace on Jan. 4 at the Defence Services Golf Club. (NLM 1/ 7)

Jan. 18: Director-General U Than Po of the Social Welfare Department scored an ace Jan. 14 at the City Golf Resort. (NLM 1/19)

#### HEALTH

##### Health Articles

Jan. 18: Yet Another Feather! by Prof. Hla Yee Yee. [41st Annual conference of the Myanma Medical Association (MMA), celebrating its 46th anniversary. The MMA's membership has risen from 35 in 1949 to over 6,000, and its new building is one third completed. This year, the MMA held 8 refresher courses; 4 workshops (2 on Accident Preventions, 1 each on Health Systems Research and Baby Friendly Clinics); 3 Symposia/Seminars (Plague, Oral Rehydration Therapy, AIDS and the Family); 10 Guest Lectures (by experts from UK, USA, Singapore, Australia, France, New Mexico [sic]); and 3 Conferences (40th MMA in January, Surgeons' Conference in November, Anaesthetists' Conference in December). The Myanmar Medical Journal is now being published on a regular basis; The Medical Update and the GP Section's New Look are thin but informative. The MMA participated in Expo '94, with a team of experts from Singapore. A 5-member team attended the Third Congress of the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Physiological Societies (FAOPS) and presented 5 papers; a 4-member team participated in the HIV/AIDS Prevention Training in Paris. Together with World Vision International, the MMA has implemented a project of health education, counselling, and condom-promotion regarding AIDS in Kawthaung, and in coordination with UNICEF has implemented a programme of Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in Myanmar Through Promotion of Reproductive Health." Work also done to encourage breast feeding, etc.]

##### Birth Spacing Symposium

Jan. 5: The Myanmar Medical Association will conduct a Symposium on Planning and Managing a Community-Based Birth Spacing Programme will be held at their auditorium on Jan. 7. (NLM 1/6)

##### Myanmar Medical Assoc. Conference

Jan. 19: Speaking at the 41st Conference of the Myanmar Medical Association [see also article above], Minister for Health Vice-Adm.

Than Nyunt "spoke of the need for the association to accept the guidance given by the leaders of the State from time to time as guiding principles and to discharge them as national duties. He said the State is not only giving incentives tot he doctors in the country but has also extended a warm welcome to doctors who are working abroad to visit the country. Such being the case, Myanmar doctors working in the United States have been invited to come since 1993 and to get in touch with their motherland again and to assist in seeing to the health of the people as far as possible. They are to be thanked for the kind physical and material help rendered to the country. It is to be pointed out that medical specialists in the United States, Britain and other countries are welcomed to work together in a family spirit, he said." (NLM 1/20)

## CULTURAL

### Cultural and Scientific Articles

Jan 1,8,23: The Cat Family -- Small Cats, by Col. Hla Aung (Retd). [Continuation of series. (15) Fishing Cat; Bay Cat. (16-17) Domestic Cat. This is the end of the series, which in all covered 36 kinds of cats, large and small.]

### Publications

Jan. 2: An advertisement announced that the Trade Directory of Myanmar (1994/95), published by the Ministry of Trade, is now on sale for K 250. (NLM 1/2) // Jan. 18: The directory is now on sale. (ad, NLM 1/ 19)

Jan. 9: The Education Journal, published by the Education Employee Cooperative Society Ltd. of the Myanmar Educational Research Bureau, "comprises the Basic Education High School (Standard X) Examination guides for all subjects (new and old systems)," written by "professors and the learned." Cost: K 150 per copy. (NLM 1/10)

Jan. 13: The Attorney-General's Office has published a Book on Laws Enacted by the SLORC in 1994, and K 90 per copy. It contains "Laws, Rules, Orders and Announcements enacted and issued by the State Law and Order Restoration Council in 1994" and can be obtained at the Office of the Attorney-General. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 16: Golden Myanmar Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 1, has the following articles:

- Myanmar Trade Fair 95
- Mandalay-Myanmar's Cultural Heart-Centre
- Myanmar links improved by Air Mandalay
- Kyaikhtiyoo--an awe-inspiring spectacle of miracle
- Extending new technologies to Myanmar
- The puppet theatre in Myanmar.

Mandalay Guide Map and other interesting articles on Myanmar business and tourism.

(ad, NLM 1/16)

Jan. 16: Selected Monthly Economic Indicators, published by the Central Statistical Organization, is on sale at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 16: Statistical Yearbook, 1993, is available at the Sarpay Beikman Bookshop and the Central Statistical Organization. (NLM 1/17)

Jan. 19: The Bulletin of Import Trade, 1991-92 and the Bulletin of Export Trade, 1991-92, have been published by the Central Statistical Organization and "provide detailed statistics, by country and by commodity section/division/group according to Burma Standard International Trade Classification (BSITC)" for both "normal and border trade." A limited supply are available from the CSO at Six-storeyed Office Complex, Strand Road, Yangon. (NLM 1/20)

Jan. 23: A special issue of Teza, the children's journal published by Myawady Ltd., has been published. The Journal of Physics, published by the Department of Physics, Yangon University, for Basic Education High School, appeared. [photos of covers] (NLM 1/23)

Jan. 25: Myanmar Heroes, by U Thein Maung, at K 80, and

Anawrahta, by Hanthawaddy U Ba Yin, at K 40 were published (in Myanmar) by Education Employees Cooperative. (NLM 1/26)

#### Universities

Jan. 8: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, as Chairman of the Myanma Education Committee, laid the foundations stones for the University of Culture in Dagon Myothit (South) Township [Yangon].

Jan. 21: The Institute of Medicine-2, Yangon, held its 22nd Convocation; Rector Dr. Tha Hla Shwe gave out M.Med.Sc. (6) and MBBS (100) degrees; one M.Med.Sc. and 4 MBBS degrees were conferred in absentia. (NLM 1/22)

#### Motion Picture Awards

Dec. 31: The annual Motion Picture Awards were distributed in a ceremony at the National Theatre, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, and other dignitaries. In selecting the winners, the Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutiny Board viewed 38 films screened in 1993. Awards were:

Best Actor: Ye Aung for Myit-toh-ei Maryar

Best Actress: Zin Mar Oo for Thida-khun-hna-tan

Best Supporting Actor: Nyunt Win for Thida-khun-hna-tan

Best Photographer: Than Nyunt (Pan Tha) for Myit-toh-ei Maryar

Best Supporting Actress: Shumawa San San Aye for Sein-khaw-nei-dei Achit

Best Director: Maung Nanda for Thida-khun-hna-tan

Minister for Information Brig-Gen. Myo Thant noted that this was the pre-Diamond Jubilee year for Myanmar motion pictures, since the first one was made by London Art U Ohn Maung in 1920. He cited the first documentary on the funeral of U Tun Shein, in 1920, who went to London to demand Myanmar's independence, and noted that the first Myanmar film Myitta-nei-thuya was written by the late P. Monin, and cited the early director U Nyana who was skilled in both motion picture and literary fields. Other early films he cited were Yadanabon (1923), Hmaing Wai Wai (1925), Kyinsa-U (1928), and Wai Lwin Lwin (1929) by director Shwe Ta Lay. "He also underscored that film artistes should endeavour to produce films reflecting the State policy and such films can be deemed the best ones. Even though the theme of the film does not fully reflect the State policy, it must not be against it, he said, stating that the State policy is Our Three Main National Causes, and specifically the five objectives of the National Convention." (NLM 1/1)

Jan. 21: Speaking to film artistes at the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt "warned them against promoting dress and habits outlandish in the eyes of Myanma culture due to selfishness of certain businessmen, adding artistes play a major role in preserving traditional culture as youths imitate their dress and style. The Asiayons, he pointed out, should organize artistes to preserve traditional culture and national dress, saying wrong imitation by youths can harm traditional culture which may eventually lead to loss of the entire race ...." (NLM 1/22)

#### Religious Groups & Activities

Jan. 8: Participants in the All Myanmar Catholic Bishops Conference met with Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. Rev. A U Than Aung, Archbishop of Mandalay, greeted the Minister, who said the conference "is known to be very important to Christianity and in accordance with the wishes of Christ." Chairman of the Conference, Rev. Martia U Shwe, Archbishop of Taunggyi, presented gifts. (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 22: The Women's Chapter of Chinese-Myanmar Buddhist Association, Latha Township, led by Chairperson Daw Khin Myint, Yangon, celebrated the Chinese New Year, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin, and others. (NLM 1/23)

Jan. 22: Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Col. Aung Khin

attended Sankranti (Pongal), the traditional new-crop meal offering, sponsored by the All-Myanmar Hindu Central Board. A number of its officials were represented: Chairman of the Festival Organizing Committee Dr. D.B. Limbu, Chairman U G.S. Sharma, Vice-Chairmen U A.R.U. Solemalai and U S.N. Verma, Secretary U Thein Tun, and Assistant Secretary U L.G. Raju. (NLM 1/23)

#### Buddha's Tooth Relic

Jan. 10: The Buddha's Tooth Relic from China, which toured Myanmar in 1994, will return in 1996. Meanwhile, Buddha's Sacred Tooth Relic Pagodas are being constructed in Yangon and Mandalay to house replicas. Donations so far for the Yangon Pagoda total some K 115 million plus jewels worth over K 30 million. Donations for the Mandalay Pagoda total some K 67 million plus over 8 thousand pieces of jewellery. (NLM 1/11)

#### Literary Awards

Jan. 15: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt distributed prizes in the 1994 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award competitions, at the National Theatre in Yangon. "He stressed the role of the learned persons to create literary works reflecting the State's stable conditions in political, economic and social sectors and dawning of peace in the nation as well as refuting unsavoury reports by some foreign nations who cannot bear to see developing conditions in Myanmar.... The present Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards presentation ceremony, the second to be held, serves as an occasion that contributes toward bringing out fine novels and poems as well as literature on knowledge, fiction and treatises which have undergone thorough research.... Prize winning manuscripts will be published, he said. In appraisal of the manuscripts, he said poems are the kind of literature that vitalizes patriotism, novels portray the rural life and the life of public servants, short stories draw the attention with good themes, literature on general knowledge base on sound evidence. Obviously, he said, they will be beneficial to readers." (NLM 1/16)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Jan. 1,8,15,22 [full text]:

Our Three Main National Causes

- Non-disintegration of the Union;
- Non-disintegration of the national solidarity;
- Perpetuation of national sovereignty.

Special Projects. The Special Projects Implementation Committee has at its co-ordination meeting No. 1/94 held on 8-2-94 approved of the following projects for further development of the country.

##### Six Bridges

1. A bridge across River Ayeyarwady near the town of Pyay,
2. A bridge across River Thanlwin (Salween) near the town of Hpa-an,
3. A bridge across Myaungmya River near the town of Myaungmya,
4. A bridge across Toe River near the town of Maubin,
5. A bridge across River Chindwin on the Chaung-U-Pakokku railway line,
6. A bridge across Myitthar River on Pakkokku-Kalay railway line.

##### Twelve Dams

1. The Mon Chaung Dam in Tatkon Township,
2. The Taungtha Dam in Taungtha Township,
3. The Weilaung Dam in Taungtha Township,
4. The Zeedaw Dam in Nwahtogyi Township,
5. The North Pinle Dam in Myingyan Township,
6. The Pinn Chaung Dam in Kyaukpadaung Township,
7. The Sinthe Dam in Tatkon Township,
8. The Tamekku Dam in Taungtha Township,
9. A series of Daunghe weir dams in Yenanggyaung Township,

10. The Yaw Chaung Dam in Pauk Township,
11. The Nankathu Dam in Ingapu Township,
12. The Taungnyo Dam in Nattalin Township.

Special Projects. The Special Projects Implementation Committee has at its co-ordination meeting No. 2/94 held on 1-6-94 approved the following projects for further development of the country.

1. The "Bawathit" (New Life) special project at Kabaw Valley in Sagaing Division,
2. The Thilawa Port extension project in Yangon Division,
3. The Kyaukpyu region deep sea port construction project in Rakhine State,
4. A bridge across Attaran River on Mawlamyine-Hpa-an road linking Mon and Kayin States,
5. A bridge across Gyaing River on the Mawlamyine-Zarthabyin-Eindu-Hpa-an road near Zarthabyin,
6. The Wettoe diversion weir construction of the Mu River Valley Project in Sagaing Division,
7. The Zawgyi reservoir project in Yatsauk Township in Shan State,
8. The 99-pond project at Ywathayar and surrounding areas in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division,
9. The Mindon diversion weir project in Kanma Township, Magway Division,
10. The ice factories, cold storage facilities and crushers construction project in Tanintharyi Division, Rakhine State, Mon State and Ayeyarwady Division,
11. The fresh water and sea prawns advanced breeding, culture and modern spawning project.

Jan. 1,8,15,22,29: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [Cont. (24-27) Ministry of Industry-1 gaining new successes. (iv) Statistics on a variety of Ministry-run factories.

[(v) Myanmar Jute Industries between 1991 and 1994 (March) produced K 2170 million of products and exported K 10.6 million; income was K 2605 million, expenses were K 2352 million, profits were K 253 million.

[The Ministry of Industry-2's accomplishments. (i) Myanmar Heavy Industries in 1991-92 and 1992-93 earned K 1,098 million, spent K 1089 million, and made a profit of K 8.8 million. Between Apr. 1, 1991 and Mar. 31, 1994, it produced: 176,627 pairs of tyres and tubes; 451 heavy motor vehicles; 1,147 light motor vehicles; 8,895 bicycles; 7,199 water pumps; 854 power tillers; 608 tractors; 458,081 hoes; 2,343,606 light bulbs; 304,188 tube lights; 12,642,869 dry cell batteries; 132 transformers; 1,853 electric motors; 90,177 reels of PVC electric wires; 25,467 electric power meters; 620,851 domestic electric appliances; 1,4396 [sic] car batteries; 355 power generators. It exported: 672 tons of manhole covers to Japan (US\$ 407,597); 136 tons of valve parts to Japan (US\$ 145,881); 3 tons of bearing blocks to Singapore (US\$ 4,320); 60 tons of casting parts for X-2000 to Japan (US\$ 56,955); 24 tons of waterproof units to Japan (US\$ 24,793); 3.5 tons of machine parts to Singapore (US\$ 8,300); 25 ribbon blenders to Singapore (US\$ 11,850); 20 powder fillers to Singapore (US\$ 2,900); other exports (US\$ 662,596).

[On Jan. 18, 1993 the bicycle factory was rented to Ratna Theingi Co.; on May 27, 1993, the motor car battery plant was rented to the XTP Co.; on Apr. 29, 1992, a buy-back contract was signed with Myanmar Fritz Werner Co. in production of PVC cables; on July 10, 1992, a buy-back contract was signed with Mingalar Co. on production of tube lights; on Oct. 13, 1992, a buy-back contract was signed with Yamahtar Co. in production of plastic containers; on July 26, 1993, the Motor Vehicle Repair Shop No. 2 (Mandalay) was rented to Artherwaddy Department Stores.

[(ii) Joint Ventures. Myanmar Fritz Werner Industrial Co. Ltd. exports to Fritz Werner Co. in Germany lathe machines and parts. Myanmar ACE Metal Industries Co. Ltd. and Fritz Werner, import and make iron rods. Myitmakha International Trading Co. Ltd., with Fritz Werner, has a buyback arrangement in PVC power cables and power

lines. Daewoo Electronic Myanmar Co. Ltd. between Feb. 1991 and Mar. 31, 1994, assembled and sold 52,997 TV sets (US\$ 6.8 million plus K 48.6 million), 19,120 radios, videos, cassettes and recorders (US\$ 775,163 plus K 44.5 million), 11,155 ice boxes (US\$ 2.0 million plus K 14.9 million), 213 washing machines (US\$ 57,848); exported 30,639 TV sets (US\$ 3.9 million) and 2.8 million reels of VCR (US\$ 1.1 million). Sales of appliances in Myanmar brought US\$ 5.8 million. In March 1994, 1,000 pre-ampres [sic] and 1,000 intermediate frequency charts for PCB printed boards were exported to Korea for US\$ 288,250. Technical services. Income: K 263.0 million (1991-92), K 300.9 million (1992-93), K 401.2 million (1993-94).

[Endeavours of the Ministry of Mines. (i) Projects in gemstone, coal, manganese, gold, platinum, gypsum & limestone.]

Jan. 1: Factories and the GEC, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Cont. (11) Duck Feather Products Factory: In 1994-95 produced 4,460 dozen shuttle corks (K 473,000), 8,453 kilos of duck feathers (K 1,996,000), and 514 pillows/blankets (K 312,000) and unspecified cherry/berry (K 51,000). Profits/losses have been: 1988-89 (K 1.5 million loss); 1989-90 (K 350,000 profit); 1990-91 (K 176,000 profit); 1991-92 (K 82,000 profit); 1992-93 (K 214,000 loss); 1993-94 (K 606,000 profit); 1994-94 (up to July) (K 72,000 profit).]

Jan. 1: -- Finding a substitute for firewood, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [Coal briquettes, paddy husks, solar energy, dried vegetation, etc.]

-- Mulberry City and Doekwin Dam, by Kyu Kyu Thinn. [Visit to dam in Pyin-Oo-Lwin Township, surrounded by mulberry and coffee plantations.]

-- Project for greening of Magway District implemented, by Kyaw Zaw Lin (Magway). [Importance of reforestation in arid zones.]

-- Water which flows from foot of Loipaw-Loimwe Hill, by Mohnyin Kyaw Soe Lay. [Over 90,000 acres of fallow land and 5.2 acres of virgin land are being reclaimed in Kachin State for cultivation.]

Jan. 8: -- The land irrigated by Chaungmagyi Dam, by Maung Hte Wah. [Dam in Pyawbwe Township, which "had very poor rains this monsoon".]

-- Proliferating self-reliance endeavours, by Khin Maung Than (Sethmu). [Achievements of Pyinmana Railway Station repair shop.]

-- Fishery operations in Taikkyi Township, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Fish breeding ponds.]

-- Sunflower: cost-saving oil-seed crop, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Advantages of sunflower.]

-- To cherish heritage of ancestors, by Ko Tin Ohn Maung. [Min Ye Reservoir in Oktwin Township.]

-- For Mount Popa to be forever verdant, by Kyi Tun (Kyaukpadaung). [Projects at Mount Popa.]

Jan. 15: -- These firewood substitutes will save forests, by Maung Maung Swe. [Various substitutes]

-- The gold and silver waters of Gyogyargwin Dam, by Maung Myint Khine. [Dam in Taungup Township irrigating 50 acres and providing water for 12,000 residents.]

-- Will beautify the country with paddy, by Nyein Aung (Dazei). [11.92 million acres have been put under paddy this monsoon.]

-- A serene locale, by Nu San (Phunt-phyoe-yay). [University for Development of National Races in Ywarthitkyi, Sagaing Division.]

-- The beautiful land of Manaw dance, by Mohnyin Kyaw Soe Lay. [Kachin State.]

-- Pyin-Oo-Lwin, the mulberry town, by Pyin-Oo-Lwin Chit Swe. [Silk growing.]

-- Boosting production of paddy in Magwe Division, by Kyaw Zaw Lin (Magwe). [In 1994-95, 401,012 acres were planted with monsoon paddy (against a target of 393,500) and the estimated harvest will be 22 million baskets (55 per acre); summer paddy was planted on 31,000 acres, and estimated harvest is 2.2 million baskets (71 per acre).]

Jan. 22: -- Using some other fuel in place of firewood, by Htay

Kyi. [Various alternative fuels: coal-based fire-sticks, briquettes from various materials, solar energy, etc.]

-- Abundance of food in Ayeyarwady Division, by Aung Win (Pyapon). [Especially in Pyapon.]

-- Efforts being made to usher in Visit Myanmar Year, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Various new hotels discussed; Yangon has 1,500 hotel rooms, needs 5,000-7,000 for Visit Myanmar Year in 1996. Under construction: Summit Park Hotel (265 rooms), LP Holding Hotel (270), Floatel (Thilawa Jetty) (132), Baiyoke Kandawgyi Hotel (231), Sidona Yangon Hotel (300+150), Nawarat Hotel (80), Yangon International Hotel (120+350), Emerald Rose Garden Hotel (315), Central Hotel (82), Shangrila Hotel (450+250), Traders Hotel (496), Tha-htay-kyun Hotel in Kawthoung (200).]

-- Farmers of Kawhmu Township looking forward to boost paddy production, by Aung San (Agriculture). [Waiting for new irrigation canal.]

-- Renovation of Meiktila Lake, by Thein Htoon (Physics). [Built by Myanmar kings, now being renovated.]

-- Wayzayanta Road turned modern, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [Once "one of the worse roads in Yangon," now six-lane, smooth, and grand, at a cost of K 122.8 million.]

Jan. 29: -- For greening Yamethin District, by Khin Maung Than (Sethmu). [Irrigation projects.]

-- Shwedaung Reservoir already benefiting the area, by Reporter Myint Naing. [In Pyay district.]

-- New era Bagan is ready to welcome Visit Myanmar Year, by Kyaw Zeya. [New paved roads and traffic signs. New hotels. At Thande Hotel, built like the Thiri Pyitsayar Hotel, rates are: single \$ 18-36, double \$ 28-42, for locals: K 300-420, double K 336-600. Pagoda precincts have been cleaned up and thorn trees removed. "The old palace site has been excavated. Cultural relics have been repaired, preserved, and protected." The floating hotel Ayeyarwady Princess provides both accommodations and short cruises.]

-- For improvement of rural roads, by Pe Than. [Need for local road work, so villages will not be isolated.]

-- Energetic efforts in paddy fields, by Myint Lwin Thein (Pyawbwe). [What irrigation has done for Pyawbwe {Mandalay}.]

-- Kabaw Valley achieving development, by Maung Nwe Than. [Development around Tamu {Sagaing}.]

-- Let us invent and distribute firewood substitutes, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Such as "electricity, solar energy, kerosene, earth oil and natural gas, coal and coal-dust, paddy husks, saw dust, other waste products."]

#### Crime

Jan. 13: "Altogether 120 unscrupulous persons, including employees of banks, brokers and swindlers, who misappropriated a total of K 15.15 million and US\$ 102,659 were sentenced to jail terms ranging from three years to life imprisonment ...." Cash was taken from Branch Banks 1 and 5 of the Central Bank of Myanmar and Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank. "It was found that some brokers moving in and out of banks, unscrupulous employees of the said banks and some swindlers were drawing money out of the banks pretending to be State service personnel, using forged house grants and producing false designs for building without being entrepreneurs of any sort. It was also found that they falsely transferred accounts and drew out foreign exchange from the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and after investigations 120 persons were rounded up. They include 31 brokers, 28 employees of the banks, 11 other employees and 50 outsiders.... The tribunals hear 42 separate cases in April and May 1994 and handed down sentences...ranging from 10 years to life imprisonment...." (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 23: Action is being taken against bank employees of the Myanma Economic Bank Branch No. 1 in connection with the misappropriation of K 5 million in November 1993; deposit records were faked. The account holders had improperly trusted their savings

books to one of the malefactors. The loss came to light in June 1994 when the Bank found itself short of cash. "Twenty-one out of 44 account holders who have been swindled are now complying with procedures." (NLM 1/24)

Jan. 24: Five burglars were caught with K 1.7 million in property stolen in Yangon, Taunggyi, and Shwenyaung. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 30: A swindler was arrested Dec. 21 for using fake forms to obtain Myanmar passports and fake bank stamps to steal Myanmar seamen's bank deposits. "These irregularities occurred since some seamen about to leave the country did not deposit ...money themselves but readily gave the money to the brokers near the SECD Office for deposit in No. 2 Bank Branch. Authorities concerned allowed the seamen who obtained passports with fake chalans to depart after making them pay the amount to be deposited.... Seamen, therefore, will have to personally deposit the money in the banks...." (NLM 1/31)

#### Anti-Narcotics Activities

Jan. 2: 0.08 kilo of heroin was seized Dec. 10 in Katha. (NLM 1/3)

Jan. 3: 6.2 kilos of raw opium were seized at Mandalay railway station. (NLM 1/ 4)

Jan. 10: Between Dec. 22-31, 1994, 1,840 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in Pekhön Township, Shan State, by the Tatmadaw, police, and local populace. (NLM 1/11)

Jan. 13: 0.04 kilo of heroin and 0.1 kilo of opium were seized in Katha on Dec. 18. 0.4 kilo of heroin was seized in Katha on Jan. 1. In Mandalay, 0.1 kilo of heroin was seized on Dec. 27, and 0.05 kilo of heroin was seized in Taunggyi. (NLM 1/14)

Jan. 20: 0.04 kilos of heroin were seized in Taunggyi on Jan. 15-16. (NLM 1/21)

Jan. 25: During December 1994, the Tatmadaw seized 7.3 kilos of heroin. The police seized 43.3 kilos of opium (31 cases), 4.6 kilos of heroin (101 cases), 19.3 kilos of marijuana (37 cases), 47.4 kilos of Phensedyl (14 cases), 1.5 litres of Comethazine (2 cases), 0.04 kilo of heavy opium solution (3 cases), and 150 15-mg vials of morphine (1 case); there were 135 cases of failure to register for treatment and 3 other drug related cases. The Police took action against 465 persons in 327 cases. [NOTE: It is now clear that statistics for joint Tatmadaw-police seizures are also included in the Police statistics, so we will no longer list them separately--HCM] (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 25: During 1994, the Tatmadaw seized 39.4 kilos of heroin, 399.4 kilos of opium, 291.4 litres of Phensedyl, 8 litres of Teradyl, 0.05 litre of Phencodine, 49.7 kilos of marijuana, and 970.7 gallons of acetic anhydride. The Police seized 194.1 kilos of heroin (2,058 cases), 1,289.2 kilos of opium (591 cases), 0.0041 kilo of morphine (1 case), 3.5 kilos of heavy opium solution (43 cases), 0.4 kilo of liquid opium (1 case), 1,985.3 litres of Phensedyl (233 cases), 33.2 litres of Teradyl (6 cases), 15.0 litres of Mesadyl (2 cases), 105.5 litres of Isedyl (1 case), 182.5 litres of Phencodine (19 cases), 256.9 kilos of marijuana (438 cases), 5.5 litres of Comethazine (8 cases), 155.8 kilos of opium powder (7 cases), 150 15-mg vials of morphine (1 case), 220 gallons of acetic anhydride (1 case), and 0.3 kilo of opium block (3 cases); there were 1,944 cases of failure to register for treatment and 158 other drug-related cases. [NOTE: It is now clear that statistics for joint Tatmadaw-police seizures are also included in the Police statistics, so we will no longer list them separately--HCM] (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 25: 77.6 kilos of opium and 13.4 kilos of heroin were seized March 25 in Tachilek. 21.6 kilos of heroin were seized July 4 on a bus leaving Mandalay for Lashio. 21.7 kilos of raw opium were seized Dec. 12 in Kyauktaw village, Mohnyin Township. (NLM 1/26)

Jan. 26: 0.24 kilo of heroin, 125 kilos of acetic anhydride, and 25 kilos of ether were seized in Kutkai Township on Jan. 7. (NLM 1/27)

## Obituaries

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

Jan. 4: Daw Muthumariammal, wife of U Kannapa, died in Yangon, aged 62. (NLM 1/5)

Jan. 4: Daw Tin Aye (Sein Maung Film), Proprietress of Highland Lodge, relict of Dr. U Sein Maung, died in Yangon, aged 87. (NLM 1/6)

Jan. 8: Daw Ma Ma (Yenangyaung), relict of U Khin Maung Lat, died in Yangon, aged 94. (NLM 1/9)

Jan. 9: Sayagyi U Yan Aung, born Dec. 27, 1904 as Yan Gyi Aung, who wrote 50 novels, and 15 other treatises, as well as articles and poems, died. He won a variety of Literary awards, in 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1994. His books were translated into English, French, German, Russian, Japanese, and Telegu. He was active in literary affairs, etc. [details]. (News article, NLM 1/ 10)

Jan. 21: Mrs. Kitty Pyne, wife of the late Archie Pyne, died in Yangon, aged 79. [Christian] (NLM 1/22)

Jan. 24: Mg Hla Phone (a) Nick So, son of U Tint So (Johnny So Maung)-Daw Khin Mar Lwin (Universal Leasing), died in Yangon, aged 21. (NLM 1/25)

Jan. 25: U Ohn Pe (Dedaye), husband of Daw Khin Sein, died in Dedaye, aged 85. (NLM 1/28)

Jan. 26: Daw Khin Hla Sein (Mi Mi), wife of U Nyunt Thein, died in Yangon, aged 65. [Christian] (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 26: Naw Julia Pan Boo (Japanese Embassy), wife of Saw Joel Yin (Myo Min Yin), died in Yangon, aged 38. [Christian] (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 26: Prof. U Win Maung, MBBS; DA (London); FFARGS Retd. Prof. of Anaesthesiology, IM 1, husband of Dr. Daw Khin Hla Thein, died in Yangon, aged 66. [Baptist] (NLM 1/27)

Jan. 29: Dr. U Pe Kyin, Retired Rector, Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, husband of Daw Khin San Aung, died in Yangon, aged 85. (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 29: U Chit Hpo, Retired Chief Procurement Officer, No. 1 Mining Corp., husband of Daw Thida Than (Rosy Wan), died in Yangon, aged 68. (NLM 1/30)

Jan. 30: Dr. Khuanga, Retired Lecturer, Physics Department, Yangon University, husband of Pi Zohtanmawii, died in Yangon, aged 53. [Christian] (NLM 1/31)

## Marriage

Jan. 8: Yuza Maw Htoon, daughter of U Ye Htoon and Daw Onma Maw, married Dr. Phone Myint, son of the late Retd. Major Khin Maung Tun and Daw Khin Than, at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal, Yangon. (NLM 1/9)

## Earthquake

Jan. 17: An earthquake of strong intensity (6.4 Richter) was reported at 03:25:10 local time, with epicenter 2,786 miles NE of Yangon. (NLM 1/18) [NLM also had extensive news reports of the Kobe earthquake in Japan.]

## Toxic Poisoning

Jan. 20: 28 persons have been killed and 64 hospitalized in two cases of exposure to concentrated toxic liquids. Plastic containers of toxic liquid, salvaged near Dalla Shipyard and in Kawhmu Township, on Jan. 5 killed 25 and hospitalized 62 who thought it was liquor. In another case, 3 fishermen were killed and 2 hospitalized after drinking toxic liquid in containers found drifting in Twantay Township on Jan. 17. It has been determined that the liquid was Methanol illegally carried along the river by dealers, who bought it for resale to manufacturers of furniture varnish and nail polish. Two people have been arrested. (NLM 1/21)

## EDITORIAL POLICIES

As this is the first issue of the year, we thought it might be useful to discuss some of our editorial policies in selecting and

transcribing material from The New Light of Myanmar to the Burma Press Summary. We welcome comments and suggestions from readers.

#### General Considerations

Our general policy is to include materials deemed to be of interest to scholars and others living outside Burma, and to do so with impartiality as to the current Burmese government and its policies.

We do not repeat items, even where they might fit under several headings. We put stories under what seems the most appropriate heading, and assume our readers will look for items of interest throughout the Summary.

Excerpts from speeches or statements are chosen because they seem significant, and may not be representative of the speech as a whole. We generally avoid restatements of familiar positions, except when made authoritatively by top officials.

We make at least brief mention, of all signed articles by Burmese. We try to report the names of all Burmese travelling abroad and all foreigners visiting Burma.

We do not regularly record:

- items datelined abroad (unless they mention Burma), nor the increasingly common articles about economic and social conditions in other countries reprinted from foreign official news agencies;

- reports of meetings, tours of inspection, etc., even when they involve high-ranking officials, unless news of a nation-wide substantive nature is included;

- routine announcements on shipping, tenders, radio/TV programs, weather reports, etc.

- Burmese (as opposed to foreign) donations to charities, religious institutions, or government agencies.

- the occasional notices, ads, slogans, cartoons, and obituaries printed in Burmese script.

#### Specific Headings

Under Political we include news of ethnic minorities, official political organizations (such as the USDA), political education ("refresher courses"), reforms, corruption, etc. All signed articles with a political theme are noted, and some political editorials, with significant excerpts. Returning refugees from Bangladesh are also tabulated here.

Under National Convention we cover ongoing events, generally reprinting in full major Plenary Session documents and statements, even when long or repetitive. Accounts of meetings where participants are named but not what they said are covered in summary fashion.

Under Diplomatic we report meetings with Burmese officials by accredited diplomatic or international agency personnel, except where accompanying an otherwise reported foreign visitor. We report new diplomatic assignments (Burmese or foreign), and diplomatic tours.

Under International Cooperation we include programs jointly sponsored by Burmese and foreign organizations, identifiable donations by foreigners to Burmese institutions, and Burmese-foreign meetings concerning border or regional affairs.

Under Foreign Visitors we try to mention every foreigner visiting Burma for any reason, unless they are listed elsewhere. Some visitors are grouped into categories, so as to keep the Table of Contents down to one page.

Under Myanmar Delegations we try to mention every Burmese travelling abroad for any reason, unless covered elsewhere.

Under Myanmar Gazette we list all appointments, promotions, transfers, etc., published in The New Light of Myanmar under that official heading.

Under Government we include full texts of official messages on ceremonial occasions (e.g., Independence Day, Union Day, Peasants and Workers Days). Appointments of Ministerial and other top-level officials are generally, not part of the Gazette, are reported here. We cite and summarize all new Laws, and many published regulations;

giving full texts where they seem of special interest to foreigners. We list signed legal articles reporting narcotics and other legal cases.

Under Military we list all reports of insurgent attacks, Tatmadaw activity, and the surrender or "return to the legal fold" of insurgents.

Under Economic we mention, and where appropriate excerpt from, all signed economic articles, cover news reflecting significant economic events and conditions. As a rule, we only reprint statistics that: (a) appear to be new; (b) seem of national importance, and/or (c) cast light on some particular socio/economic situation. We rarely reprint statistics apparently copied from officially published annual statistical records. We regularly round off amounts. Building projects, etc., are usually reported only on completion. but we do include all agreements, joint ventures, etc., involving foreigners. Advertisements are reported (or reproduced as illustrations) as exemplary of changing economic and social conditions in Burma, and only when they first appear. We close this section with a running tabulation of rainfall in Yangon, with historical statistics back to the establishment of the Burma Press Summary.

Under Sports we include all signed sports articles, and all references to Burmese sportsmen abroad and foreign sportsmen visiting Burma, as well as some foreign sponsorship of sporting events in Burma. Internal Burmese sports events are covered only when of national importance. We do, however (call it a whim) report all holes-in-one at Golf, because of the importance of that sport to Burmese officials.

Under Health we mention all signed articles on health in Burma, and news concerning health issues of national importance, including the growing concern with HIV/AIDS and questions of family planning.

Under Cultural we mention all signed cultural, scientific, and religious articles, news about education or cultural policy, schools and universities, major literary and other cultural awards, significant archaeological finds, and mentions of new Burmese publications.

Under Miscellaneous we include all signed articles (on whatever topic) included in the weekly Sunday Supplement, brief notes on all stories involving crime or narcotics (including monthly and annual narcotics statistics), all obituary notices (unless printed only in Burmese script), marriage notices, reports of earthquakes, fires, and storm or flood damage, and other hard-to-classify news.

#### Editorial Style

Order of Articles: Each heading begins with articles grouped under general categories (e.g., articles, business visitors, study delegations) followed by more specific ones in chronological order.

Quotation marks: Indicate that we have transcribed text exactly as it appeared in The New Light of Myanmar, marking omitted passages, long or short, with an ellipsis (...) and any changes or interpolations with square brackets [ ]. However, even within quotations we insert periods after abbreviations (e.g., Mr., Dr., Lt-Gen., Co., Ltd., and etc.), although NLM generally does not. Unless doubled, quotation marks do not indicate that the original passage was printed in quotation marks; NLM uses marked quotations sparingly, no doubt because reports of statements have been translated from the Burmese. This inevitably leaves some ambiguity as to whether words in quotations are exact, or only NLM paraphrases, but this is inherent in the original.

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[Sic]: We silently correct most obvious typographical errors, but where a passage is obscure, or it might be assumed to have been miscopied, we add [sic] to show that it is reproduced exactly as it

appeared.

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Spelling: We spell words exactly as they are printed, including officially adopted spellings of the country (Myanma, Myanmar), states/divisions (e.g., Ayeyarwady, Bago), and cities (e.g., Yangon, Bago, Patheingyi, Mawlamyine), as well as "British" forms like "centre" for "center" and "tyre" for "tire". We occasionally remind readers of the older forms of smaller towns (e.g., that Myeik was once Mergui, Dawei was Tavoy, Pyaw was Prome, Pyin-Oo-Lwin was Maymyo). However, in purely editorial matter like this, as in the name Burma Press Summary itself, we continue to use traditional spellings of Burmese names. This is a purely practical distinction, and is not intended to convey any political message.

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