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-- Thinly disguised attack on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi [POLITICAL:
Articles: A person like Maung Ba Tha]

-- Western businessman defends Myanmar government; attacks press
fixation with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi [POLITICAL: Articles: Myanmar--It
is time.....]

-- Minister for Welfare addresses World Women's Conference in
Beijing [full text] [MYANMAR DELEGATIONS: World Women's Conference]

-- Second Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and
Development Association, "the one and only national association of
the motherland," including opening address by USDA Patron Senior
General Than Shwe [full text] and closing address by USDA Secretary-
General U Than Aung [full text] [POLITICAL: USDA Annual Meeting]

-- Myanmar Mining Law [GOVERNMENT]

-- Two speeches on foreign investment and doing business in
Myanmar [ECONOMIC: Economic Articles]

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 usually 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.

Another slogan has begun to appear regularly:

Since it took up the duties of State on 18 September 1988, to safeguard the nation in the face of great danger, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has been bringing peace and stability, due to the Tatmadaw's noble cetana and joint endeavours with the people.

The building of the nation is an untiring effort that will continue to involve cooperation of the people because it is common weal.

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

Sept. 1-30: Nivato ca, modesty; this is the way to auspiciousness.

The Twelve Objectives: Beginning July 6, 1995, each issue of NLM lists the following, generally on the front page:

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirits
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Political Articles

Sept. 5-6: A person like Maung Ba Than, by Shwepyi Thar. [(1) The late Shwepyi U Ba Tin used to tell how British used Maung Ba Than, dressed up to impersonate Prince Nyaungyan, to conquer Myanmar in 1885. "Maung Ba Than became the principal actor in putting Myanmar under British serfdom for about 120 years." Those who heard the lecture "are now extremely vigilant against some more duplicity of the British.... They are firmly determined to prevent Myanmar falling victim to hegemonism, imperialism and tailism during their times."

[(2) Now the imperialists have found a new Maung Ba Than. "They are as cunning and as ruthless as a leopard. They are still keeping the person like Maung Ba Than on the bow of their boat. They have adorned that person with regalia worth millions of dollars. They have decorated the chest with a Gold Dollar Medal.... They have also adorned the traitorous coterie of Maung Ba Than with costumery that had to paid for in dollars. They have provided Maung Ba Than with a vision of the King-to-be. Waiting now for the day of coronation. They are now coaching him to be able to act like a king when that becomes real, and is being introduced to a number of diplomats Imperialists have earlier provided the person with a spouse of their own ilk and that has now turned out to be for mutual benefit. Maung

Ba Than continues to live in a dream, keeps playing the tunes of music provided him by imperialists. He has forgotten his own people, his own culture, his own customs and habits. He regards Myanmar, who had not lived in the country of the white Indians like him, as uneducated persons. He regards Myanmar as immature. He considers Myanmar as being just another impoverished African country. He has reckoned that another round of upheaval like in 1988 is in the offing.... He is saying that this 'sovereign nation' is going to re-enter the Commonwealth.... He thinks he is getting the full support of the people. The old-hand imperialists and some diplomats keep applauding him which inflates his ego Traitors lackey of imperialists keep cheering him; giving him good counsel on the way to becoming enslaved.... At present the old-hand imperialists and those in league with them are scheming to indirectly enslave Myanmar.... Masses of the people know that the new Maung Ba Than is not a Nyaungyan Prince. Since all the people know the truth, well...Maung Ba Than, whither?"]

Sept. 9-13: Myanmar -- It is time for a more objective assessment, by M. S. Dobbs Higginson {former Chairman, Merrill, Lynch Asia Pacific Region; author, Asia Pacific-Its Role in the New World Disorder (Heinemann)}. [(1) "'Time out' -- as the Americans say. Enough is enough. Sensationalist cries that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, is another Nelson Mandela must be tempered with reason. Objectively, a comparison with the former Philippine President Cory Aquino, brought to power after Marcos, is more appropriate. Other than being installed as the result of a democratic election, the laudable, yet inexperienced and naive, Aquino did little to alleviate the chaos and confusion pertaining at the time of her election....

["Little fundamental credit seems to have been given to the current Myanmar government (which took over in 1992) for what it has done to-date in gradually bringing about order and economic progress (see below) with comparatively little of the wholesale repressive, brutal and corrupt practices of other regimes elsewhere in the world.... Its unconditional release of Suu Kyi in July '95 and others has received an initial flurry of plaudits. However, the importance of these moves, thanks to the liberal/human rights brigade, which hangs on every word Suu Kyi utters, have been completely overshadowed by Suu Kyi's statement that 'all that has been changed is that I have been released nothing else'. Further, and more dangerously, she has advocated that no foreign aid be granted until democratic elections have {been} held -- a ludicrously naive position to take.... On a related...issue, in 1993, the National Convention, which is represented by 700 delegates drawn from a wide range of different groups, including the Military, was convened by the Myanmar government to draft a new State Constitution. In this new Constitution, the military wish to follow the Indonesian Constitutional model.... While there has been little global, public outcry about Indonesia's system, no doubt Myanmar's current military government will continue to be bashed for their temerity in thinking that they too should continue to be involved in their country's government

["Surely it is reasonable that we give some objective media airtime to Myanmar, which is conversely {unlike Yugoslavia, Rwanda, etc.} making a constructive effort to sort out its problems. Yet it is a country that seems to attract little serious, in depth and balanced media interest-other than endless articles on Suu Kyi!.... Unfortunately, what little exposure, which it {Myanmar's collective military leadership} has been given to-date, tends to have been very cursory, which [sic] every article being over-larded with a strong negative bias and must more information about the Suu Kyi point of view. Sensationalism and/or human rights oriented reporting seems to be the order of the day. Whatever happened to objectivity?..." How most economic progress in Asia has been made by authoritarian, often military, regimes. Now they are moving towards democracy.

[(2) "Why is the Myanmar government being so often singled out

as being the most pernicious and repressive regime in Asia, if not in the world." Under Ne Win, Myanmar "entered into a period of stasis and everything came to a grinding halt." When Ne Win 'retired' in 1988, the country "rapidly entered in to a period of anarchy and chaos.... (60% of Yangon's industrial base was destroyed).... All of which, comparatively speaking, made China's 1989 Tiananmen Square incident pale into insignificance."

["As the country was literally in a state of anarchy, the Tatmadaw (the armed forces) formed the State Law and Order Restoration Council on the 18th of September, 1988 to ensure law and order, safe transportation and communication, adequacy of food, housing and other essential public needs and the preparation for the holding of multi-party, democratic elections, all in the interests of both the State and the people." An uneasy truce ensued, and opposition parties of all sorts appeared and jockeyed for power. "Thus, by July, 1989, the inexperienced and naive Suu Kyi, albeit with all the right theoretical motives, found herself dealing with a wide range of different interests, in a manner which put her and her supporters (real and otherwise) at considerable risk vis-a-vis the then law as prescribed by the then government. After all, Suu Kyi represented the forces of light against the forces of darkness."

[The result was like the shooting of the hunger marchers in Washington in the 1930s, the Kent State University demonstrators in the 1960s, and the Waco, Texas affair. "There were relatively few cries from the world's international media about the inaccessibility of all these incidents." And what about Mexico? "How quickly people forget history, or ignore other comparable events. When it suits them."

[The new State Law and Order Restoration Council, only some nine months old, "was still extremely jumpy and obviously hypersensitive...." and "it is not surprising that it decided to place Suu Kyi under house detention in order to maintain some element of control over what could be another potentially explosive situation...."

[(3) Despite this, "the government still allowed the process towards democratic elections to continue." In May, 1990, elections were held. "The net, summary result was that the Suu Kyi party, the 'National League for Democracy', won around 82% of the available seats...." But people forget that evolution to democracy takes time. The US is not perfect. Look at Italy! "Rightly or wrongly," the military government decided that to transfer power to the NLD was a recipe for "a democratic 'Tower of Babel' disaster." A firm infrastructure was needed first. "Accordingly, they refused to transfer power and they continued to keep Suu Kyi under house detention. The world, already frustrated by Suu Kyi's detention, was astonished, shocked and outraged -- after, perception is 9/10's of most peoples' view of reality -- in this regard, amply assisted by the developed world's press." People should remember what happened after elections in Cambodia! "This action caused Myanmar to be turned overnight into a pariah state by the West plus Japan -- an attitude easy to take as there were no business interests at stake."

[However, new leadership took over in 1992, determined to develop an open-market economy. This has begun to bear fruit, "thanks in no small part to the support of its more reasonable and pragmatic Asian neighbours, who have themselves already been through the same process. Thus the West's, in particular the USA's, uninformed, superficial and often voter-oriented views, concerning the necessity for immediate democratic elections and, in the interim, the inappropriateness of extending aid and other forms of support (again with the redoubtable USA leading the way), are largely counter-productive."

[(4) "Such views will, in fact, delay the reforms that these governments are so naively pressing Myanmar to now produce like a rabbit out of a hat...." Myanmar has had to fight 16 armed insurgent groups, but has "succeeded in coming to peaceful terms with 15" of them and "it has initiated concrete discussions with the ethnic

groups to create self-administered zones or divisions, so as to accommodate at least some of these groups' requirements for a degree of autonomy."

[Since 1989, it has released 38,000 detainees; political detainees were often merely placed under house arrest, like Suu Kyi, rather than being imprisoned. No death sentences have been carried out. No doubt because of Buddhism, "the Myanmar people, including the government, are a gentler people than some of their regional neighbours...a fact which is almost always also overlooked." Remember Pol Pot and Cambodia. Myanmar came out of isolation only in 1992, decades after other Asian nations. In law and order terms, it is ahead of "virtually all the ex-Soviet bloc Asiatic country counterparts," virtually all of Africa, and at least some Latin American countries, "not too bad for a mid-1992 start...." Its treatment of Suu Kyi "in a large house with spacious grounds on the beautiful Inya Lake" etc., contrasts with the prison cells and 'work camps' of other governments. The US has twice as large a proportion in jail as Myanmar. In June the US announced it was resuming limited aid to Myanmar in order to support anti-narcotics efforts. More general economic aid and improvement of the economy would be even more effective.

[(4) It is not appreciated that Burma sided neither with east nor west in the cold war; "Myanmar, when it finally emerged from its time warp cocoon, had no friends, no old alliances and thus no moral support. Instead it seems to have become a convenient whipping boy to be trotted out for some human rights bashing, when nothing much else is happening or when the human rights and other liberal white hat extremists, frustrated elsewhere by the business black hats need some soft target to attack. Who said the world was fair?"

[Nevertheless, Myanmar, under pragmatic military leadership, has "begun the real process of transforming itself into an open market oriented economy -- with some considerable success." ASEAN countries, especially Singapore and Indonesia, have refused to isolate Myanmar, and very recently urged that Myanmar work towards becoming a member ASEAN state. Now Myanmar and its people need "enough room and time to catch up with their successful Asian cousins." Myanmar's "military government is neither naive, nor out to line its own pockets on the scale seen in some other parts of the world, it is action oriented and,...the country is now, in a regulatory infrastructure sense, considerably ahead of Vietnam and China--it is also much less corrupt than these countries...." or, for that matter, Italy. "I confess freely that I was wrong in my initial, international-media-led, negative judgment, which I published in my recent book on Asia Pacific (in late 1993). You could be wrong too and hence my desire to give the above, different, and hopefully more objective, perspective."

["Give Myanmar a break, invest some time and indeed, some money...and you could very likely be backing the last 'dark horse' major winner of this region.... And more generally, to create a necessary condition for the development of a thriving, articulate, educated middle class, who in turn will provide the necessary resources for a more rapid evolution towards a more representational government system."]

Sept. 15: Nurturing the new generation to be physically strong, morally straight and mentally awake, by Min Kyaw Min. [The Union Solidarity and Development Association, celebrating its second anniversary.]

Sept. 16: Solidarity and development in national interest, by Maung Saw Tun. [Strength of the USDA. "All attacks of elements who do not value national interests and would not like to see progress of the nation and the association will be removed. This is national duty of each and every citizen. This duty is the main duty to be discharged by patriotic members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association."]

Sept. 18: In the light of duty, by Dr. Tin Maung Aung. [The people thank the Tatmadaw for saving the nation in 1988. "A few may,

due to foreign media influence, doubt the sincerity of the Defence Services, but then, it takes all kinds of people to make the world. A short verse comes to attention:

'God and soldier, we alike adore
Just at the brink of ruin, not before
The danger's past, both are requited
God is forgotten, and our soldier slighted.'

(Thomas Jordan, 1612-1685)...

A soldier knows the call to duty.... The slights, the slants, the snipes may come, but our soldiers remain undaunted, unflinching, undivided.... Our soldiers, since 18 September 1988, have been to hell and back, with pride."]

Sept. 26: Stop raising senseless alarm, by U Phyo. ["Rational persons will understand that the Tatmadaw is solely responsible for maintaining and promoting unity and peace. Irresponsible disturbances with intent to belittle the prevailing situation are totally unacceptable. We learn that some persons are conceited enough to think the Myanmar Naing-Ngan would become prosperous overnight and Democratic rights would be enjoyed fully by the people if they were to lead the nation.... They even could not control the immatured youth within their own organization.... Again, there are persons who are jeering at those who warned about neo-colonism [sic].... How mean and inferior are their political thoughts.... Some people who do not know the tactics of the imperialists cause their own people taking the wrong path. Thus they are severely punished by the people at last.... Today the Tatmadaw Government... is opposing imperialist influence of any kind.... Meanwhile, there prevail groundless criticism, allegations and attacks by some persons for the interest of a small group of their followers in Myanmar. To those undesirable persons, I, U Phyo, want to tell this: Stop raising senseless alarm!"]

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 running total indicates.]

Sept. 4: 40 persons from 7 households returned to the reception camps on Aug. 31, bringing the total to 192,719. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 19: 65 persons from 13 households returned to various reception camps on Sept. 14, bringing the total to 192,827. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 26: 120 persons from 25 households returned to various reception camps on Sept. 21, bringing the total to 192,947. (NLM 9/27)

Special Refresher Courses

Sept. 9: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed the conclusion of Special Refresher Course No. 18 for Basic Education Teachers. (NLM 9/10)

Sept. 14: Special Refresher Course No. 1 for Red Cross Executives opened, and was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. He noted that such courses had been conducted for doctors and teachers; it was now opened for Red Cross Executives "who are discharging public welfare duties like faculty members and doctors, he said, expressing belief that a new force which will understand the Government's nation-building tasks and participate in them will emerge." (NLM 9/15)

National Races

Sept. 3: Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt hosted a dinner in honor of Mon national leaders led by Nai Shwe Kyin. Many cabinet ministers attended. (NLM 9/4) // Sept. 5: Mon national leader Nai Shwe Kyin and members Nai Htin, Nai Tin Aung, Nai Aung Naing, and

Nai Soe Myint, and intermediaries for peace Nai Khin Maung and Nai Pe Tin were received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 9/6) // Sept. 11: Nai Shwe Kyin and party toured Monywa and environs, where they arrived on Sept. 8. On Sept. 11, Vice-Chairman of the New Mon State Party Nai Htin and Mon national leaders called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 9/12) // Sept. 12: Economic incharge of the New Mon State Party Nai Tin Aung and members met with Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 9/13) // Sept. 18: The South-East Commander gave a dinner for Mon national leader Nai Shwe Kyin and party in Yangon on Sept. 16. (NLM 9/19)

USDA Annual Meeting

[In honor of the Sept. 15 second anniversary of the USDA, there were numerous articles recording the setting up of local billboards hailing the event and the 1995 Annual Meeting of the organization.]

Sept. 5: Editorial: Dependable USDA. ["The Union Solidarity and Development Association, a nationwide social organization of energetic, patriotic young people, will be two years old on 15 September 1995 which also marks two years' dedicated efforts in the public interest, participating in national development tasks and providing social services. Within this span, the association has been developing and taking shape at an enormous and vigorous speed. It has accepted two million as members who are imbued with love for the nation, capable of living up to its Code of Conduct and desirous of taking up duties for national development.... The Government and the USDA share common convictions and objectives"]

Sept. 10: Addressing 600 USDA members in Kawkaeik, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt said "there are attempts to wreck the Tatmadaw and destroy the USDA. He said that concoctions are being spread and letters sent to sow discord among members. He also disclosed that certain elements do not believe that the strength of the nation lies within but would like to rely on the aliens. He also spoke of instigative foreign radio and TV programmes and newspaper reports. He then called for their solidarity to guard against such attempts. He urged them to be able to join hands with the Tatmadaw in safeguarding the nation." (NLM 9/11)

Sept. 11: All the 422 delegates of Union Solidarity and Development Associations in the States and Divisions, and 48 outstanding students, arrived at the Training Division of the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby to attend the USDA Annual General Meeting. (NLM 9/12)

Sept. 15: Patron of the USDA, SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, addressed its second Annual General Meeting [full text]:

Today marks the commencement of the Union Solidarity and Development Association's Second Anniversary Annual General Meeting and the day can be considered an auspicious occasion which will bring benefits to the Association and the entire nation. The meeting will evaluate work done by USDAs at different levels and constructive proposals will be submitted to the meeting to continue to serve the interests of the nation and the national peoples.

An enduring and strong national force needs to be in existence to ensure Myanmar's perpetuation and flourishing of genuine democratic system. This is national need as well as national demand of Myanmar. Emergence of the Union Solidarity and Development Association is fulfillment of this national need which is concerned with the entire nation and the peoples. In other words, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has formed the USDA as a national force in order to mobilize the sterling qualities of the new generation youths to serve the interests of the nation and the peoples.

All of you, youths, are already aware of the fact that the five aims of the USDA will stand always correct and dynamic and no dispute or disagreement could arise among the peoples of Myanmar in this respect. The USDA being the one and only national association of the motherland, all of you, youths, representing the USDA are to discharge the national duties for furthering the welfare of the

entire nation and the peoples. The five aims of the USDA are national duties which are inseparable from each and every citizen and as such you will have to make constant efforts to see that USDA members are involved in development of the nation.

Today, 15 September, marks the second founding anniversary of the Association, and in the short duration of tender two years, over two million members of the Association are discharging duties in the interest of the nation and the national peoples. All of you already know that there are favourable political, economic and social conditions and moreover the State Law and Order Restoration Council has laid down the four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives in the long-term interest of the nation.

It is heartening to see active and energetic involvement of member youths of USDA in construction projects, regional development tasks and social welfare work. Your contributions extended to farming and agricultural activities covered by the greening project in upper Myanmar benefit the Association, the nation and the peoples.

Emergence of a peaceful and modern nation depends on full utilization of productive forces in the country. For instance, there has been remarkable success in agriculture as work was done in accordance with the guidance and encouragement of the State. At the same time, investments are being made in livestock breeding, forestry, mining, transport and communications, power and energy sectors and projects are being implemented on priority basis. I would like to urge all of you, youths, to engage actively and earnestly in building of roads and bridges and in construction projects in communications and energy sectors which are basic requirements for the emergences of a modern nation and which immensely contribute towards commodity production.

It is imperative for a sovereign nation to have lasting political stability, economic development and social progress to exist as a member of the family of nations in the world. A sovereign State or a human society will be able to stand tall in the world if there is integrated and harmonious progress in all three sectors -- political, economic and social.

The five objectives of the Association, both in form and content, will be found to be national duties inseparable from each and every citizen, viewed from whatever angle or aspect. The USDA being the one and only organization made up of members who love the nation and the people, want to establish a firm national solidarity, aspire for the rule of law and peace and tranquillity and wish to preserve and protect national culture, you are to participate in whatever sector you like in implementing the four political, four economic and four social objectives laid down by the State.

National races who strive for the uplift of national prestige and integrity become famous in the world and they will be found to be in a position to modernize and develop the nation they reside in. It is inborn duty of every citizen to love the motherland and be loyal to the State, and the nationalist spirit in which national races honour national pride and love and respect one another is the soul of the Union for its perpetuity.

Hence, you are always to uplift national prestige and integrity and preserve national culture, conduct yourselves beginning with your mode of dress and preserve national culture based on spirit of nationalism.

In conclusion, I would like to urge you to always hold in esteem the five objectives of the Association comprising Our Three Main National Causes, promotion and vitalization of national pride, and emergence of a peaceful, prosperous and modern Union, and play appropriate roles most earnestly in implementing the objectives laid down by the State.

At the meeting itself, prizes were given to "academically outstanding students" [page of photos], and to outstanding Red Cross members, Auxiliary Fire Brigade members, and "Aviation youths." In the evening, SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe hosted a dinner

for the delegates and guests. (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 16: The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the USDA continued. The Central Executive Committee report was made [text not published by NLM], and 16 delegates "discussed in support" of it. Among them, U Aung Di noted that, according to the report, there were 16 Associations at the State/Division level; 57 at the district level; 318 at the township level; and 14,256 at the ward/village level. Membership as of June 1995 was 1,679,853, up 849,531 from the previous year. The 45,000,000 Myanmars are divided into the following age groups:

0-14	14,850,000	33.8%
15-59	25,810,000	50.8%

So those from 11-25 probably total something like 13,000,000. With 2,000,000 USDA members, there are still 11,000,000 yet to join. Daw Mya Thanda Win noted that a Head Office of USDA was being built in Yangon at a cost of K 780.2 million, to be completed in 18 months. There was a need for plots to be allotted and buildings constructed at the state/division, district, and township level. U Kyi Aung discussed the nine future tasks laid down in the report, including implementation of the SLORC's four political, four economic, and four social objectives. He stressed the importance of Task No. 8, to raise momentum of endeavours for public welfare, and Task No. 9, to wipe out and control elements working to mar peace and tranquillity of the nation. [Note: no full list of the nine future tasks was included in the NLM account.]

Seven motions were tabled:

(1) U Tin Soe proposed and discussed a motion that "Stability of the State and community peace and tranquillity are prerequisites for national progress and prosperity." (NLM 9/17)

(2) Daw Naing Naing Aye proposed and discussed a motion of support for "The political objectives laid down by the State Law and Order Restoration Council and under implementation."

(3) U Win Swe proposed and discussed a motion of support for "the economic objectives laid down and being implemented by the State Law and Order Restoration Council."

(4) Daw Than Than Myint proposed and discussed a motion in support of "The social objectives laid down by the State Law and Order Restoration Council and under implementation."

(5) U Myint Soe proposed and discussed a motion in support of "The six objectives of the National Convention and fundamental principles laid down by the National Convention."

(6) Daw Myint Myint Thein proposed and discussed a motion in support of "Promotion in quality of the Union Solidarity and Development Association as a national force by organizing and marching forward."

(7) U Min Min Kyaw proposed and discussed a motion in support of "The report submitted by the Central Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting." (NLM 9/18)

Sept. 17: The USDA 1995 General Annual Meeting concluded, after 9 delegates had seconded the 7 motions tabled the day before. The Central Executive Committee replied to the discussions of its report.

The Meeting took three decisions:

1) To implement and uphold the guidance given by Patron of the USDA Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe as working norms;

2) To approve the seven motions tabled;

3) To approve the nine future tasks stated in the CEC report to be implemented as future plans of the USDAs at all levels.

USDA Secretary-General U Than Aung then gave the closing address [full text]:

The Annual General Meeting which has been held for three days is about to conclude soon. Due to diligence and cooperation of the delegates and members of various work committees formed for successfully holding the meeting, the plans could be successfully implemented.

On behalf of the Central Executive Committee, I would like to

thank for such diligent cooperation.

The significance of this meeting is delivering of the address by Patron of the USDA Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe in the morning session on the first day. The Patron keeps on reminding the association to be loyal to the State and strive for public welfare. In his guidance on the first day of the meeting, the Patron said that the Union Solidarity and Development Association is one and only national association formed with member youths who love and cherish the nation and the peoples, are willing to firmly build national unity, desire prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity and safeguard and preserve national culture. In his guidance, it is evident that it is desirous to build the Union Solidarity and Development Association to become a well-qualified one.

This Annual General Meeting has decided to accept the Patron's guidelines as working norms and lay down as a future task to uphold them in manners [sic], speeches and plans.

I would like to urge you to unwaveringly implement this future task. This meeting also laid down three decisions which are homogeneous with our association's five aims, the political, economic and social objectives laid down and being implemented by the State Law and Order Restoration Council, and maintenance of peace and tranquillity and modern development of the nation as desired by the peoples.

As all delegates know, throughout the tenure of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, priority is given to maintaining law and order and peace and tranquillity. Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association are emphatically supporting the Government's endeavours to face everything for national security.

Stability of the State and security parallel with public welfare.

At present, the economic objectives of the State are in full swing and there are now good prospects for national economic development. Business opportunities, new jobs and local and foreign investments are considerably developing.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association discerns and implements the social objectives of the State. In the basic principles and code of conduct of the association, it is prescribed to safeguard our own culture.

It can be found that the decisions of the meeting lead toward emergence of the association to become a qualified national force based on the interest of the Union.

During the last two years, we strove our utmost in conformity with the aims of the association's basic principles. The association members tried to uphold the code of conduct and discharge duties. It is quite evident that the association's activities during the last two years were directed toward enabling the association to enhance its quality and have stood as a national force.

Based on the high momentum of the last two years, we resolve to implement the decisions of the meeting in cooperation with the public and youths. We believe the strength of the public and youths [sic]. We will build the nation to become peaceful, prosperous and modern with the strength of the public in conformity with our organizational motto "Our strength is the people's strength; the people's strength is our strength."

Before I conclude, let me express our Central Executive Committee's honour and thanks.

We are honoured that the Patron of the USDA Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe has hosted dinner for the delegates to this meeting on the anniversary day of our association.

The next thing we take honour is for getting a chance to honour the youths outstanding in some fields.

Let me express thanks again. We put on record and thank wellwishers and association members who contributed funds and cooperated intellectually and physically in the association's two-

year activities.

The officials of various work committees discharging duties for successfully holding this meeting are contributing their voluntary services with cetana. I here would like to thank these contributors.

I believe that the Annual General Meeting of our association which has been held for three days is a meeting with constructive aspects reflecting the interest of the Union and the peoples. I conclude.

(NLM 9/18)

SLORC Coordination Meeting

Sept. 18: The second four-monthly 1995 coordination meeting of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and State/Division LORCs was addressed by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe:

"Senior General Than Shwe said he had already clarified the objectives of holding coordination meetings of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and State/Division Law and Order Restoration Councils at the previous coordination meetings.

"He said at the present meeting, the central will have to explain properly the projects laid down and work programmes and the State/Division Law and Order Restoration Councils engaged in implementation of projects are to specifically present the requirements and difficulties encountered.

"He said there are projects being implemented by State/Division Law and Order Restoration Councils with the assistance of the central or those implemented under own arrangements on self-reliance basis.

"The Senior General pointed out the ministries are to assist State/Division Law and Order Restoration Councils for successful implementation of the projects. He said the ministries should not remain unconcerned simply because the projects are being implemented under own arrangements of State/Division Law and Order Restoration Councils.

"He underscored States and Divisions, on their part, are to seriously take note of points clarified by the ministries and then implement the projects formulated for the respective regions.

"He warned against vanishing into thin air of the projects and programmes after the coordination meeting but instead, he said, the present meeting should discuss and coordinate the projects thoroughly and then implement them thoroughly.

"Senior General Than Shwe emphasized effective and successful implementation of projects for the progress of the nation mainly depends on coordination and cooperation of the departments concerned.

"He spoke of the need for strong work coordination and cooperation among the ministries and between the ministries and States/Divisions and at the same time, he said, there should be similar coordination and cooperation among the departments in the States/Divisions. Progress or success will be delayed or hindered when such coordination and cooperation is weak, he noted.

"He advised those in charge to conduct field tours right down to the worksites, provide supervision and render assistance.

"He said as all are aware he himself often visited the States and Divisions as much as conditions permit and provided necessary assistance.

"The Senior General then urged the ministers, State/Division chairmen and department personnel to conduct field tours and find solutions to the problems in carrying out work.

"At the grassroots level, he said, there are people who are truly hard working and at the same time there may be false statements in statistics and malpractices. Management should not be administered from one's office based on imagination but they must conduct field tours and provide close supervision, give impetus and fulfil the needs, he said." (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 19: At the final session of the meeting, SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe also spoke:

"Senior General Than Shwe then said political, economic and social objectives laid down by the State should be accepted as basic

policies by the entire mass of the people in implementing the projects.

"He said these objectives should be put to practice most firmly in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. He warned against entertaining departmentalism and regionalism when projects are implemented department-wise or region-wise for national progress. All those concerned are to collaborate with the spirit of cooperation, he noted. Instead of carrying out duties perfunctorily, he said, all are to always seek the best ways and means.

"In connection with international situation today, he said some big nations are trying to wield their influence over the small nations on the pretext of democracy and human rights. He said cultures of the East and the West could in no way be the same and the practice of such cultures will not be the same either.

"Under the circumstances, he said, it will be necessary to build up a strong defence in all aspects and try to strengthen the country. He spoke of the need to rely on own strength instead of relying on other countries for the progress of the country. He asserted the real strength lies on self-reliance.

"To err is human and defects and weaknesses could occur in discharging duties, he said. However, such defects and weaknesses should be envisaged and appropriate measures are to be taken to avoid them, he said. He pointed out that in a nation the economy is the vital link for political and social spheres. That economic link should be strong, he said, adding only when economic link is strong will political and social links endure.

"Stressing the importance of stability and community peace and economic development, he called for stability and community peace in the respective regions and the rule of law while striving for the success of regional economic plans. He also called for efforts to improve communication links between the rural and urban areas in order to narrow the gap between them." (NLM 9/20)

General Maung Aye on Tour

Sept. 28: Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye inspected works and met with Tatmadawmen in Kalaw, flying on in the evening to Bahtoo. (NLM 9/29)

Sept. 29: He addressed the graduating parade of the 23rd Intake of the Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School at Bahtoo Tatmyo, surveying the work of the Tatmadaw since 1988, and its current tasks. (NLM 9/30)

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.]

Aug. 31: Italian Ambassador Dr. Benito Volpi, and Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Gopal Prasad Acharya, called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Viet Tan called on Minister for Culture Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (NLM 9/1)

Sept. 1: Sri Lankan Ambassador K.B. Fernando called on Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than. (NLM 9/2)

Sept. 5: Philippine Ambassador Mrs. Sonia C. Brady called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires Mr. Milos Beljic called on Minister for Culture Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint. UNICEF Resident Representative Steven H. Umemoto called on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Gopal Prasad Acharya called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 9/6)

Sept. 6: UNDP Resident Representative Siba Kumar Das called on

Minister for Education U Pan Aung. (NLM 9/7)

Sept. 7: Newly accredited United States Military Attache Col. Donald R. Moran called on Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye; the attache was accompanied by Air Attache Lt-Col. Steven D. Rients. (NLM 9/8)

Sept. 12: Italian Ambassador Dr. Benito Volpi called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 14: Pakistani Ambassador Abbas H. Mirza called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss "early establishment of flights between the two countries." (NLM 9/15)

Sept. 15: Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim called on Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than. (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 22: Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Gopal Prasad Acharya called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (NLM 9/23)

Sept. 25: Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires Milos Beljic called on President of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. (NLM 9/26)

Sept. 26: Italian Ambassador Dr. Benito Volpi called on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (NLM 9/27)

Sept. 27: Swedish Ambassador Miss Eva Heckscher called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Singapore Ambassador Calvin Eu Mun Hoo called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. (NLM 9/28)

Sept. 28: Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Viet Tan called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. (NLM 9/29)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Sept. 22: Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Dato' Abdul Wahab bin Harun as new Ambassador of Malaysia to Myanmar. Born in Perak Sept. 1, 1940, he graduated from the University of Malaya (BA Hons.). He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1973 and has served in Singapore, Indonesia, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. He is presently Ambassador to Laos. (NLM 9/23)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Sept. 22: U Nyunt Tin presented credentials Sept. 14 in Bern to President Kaspar Villiger as new Myanmar Ambassador to Switzerland. (NLM 9/23)

UN Golden Jubilee

Sept. 27: The Myanmar National Committee for commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, chaired by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, has arranged for the creation by Myanmar Gems Enterprise of a 4.4 kilogram sterling silver commemorative bowl to be presented to the United Nations Secretary General. The bowl is studded with 5 pieces of jade and depicts Bagan period floral designs, with the logo of the Anniversary on one side and the text "We the Peoples of the United Nations...United for a Better World" in English and Myanmar on the other. It will be presented in New York to Assistant Secretary-General Mr. Alvaro D Soto on October 10 at UN Headquarters in New York. (NLM 9/28)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Projects

Sept. 19: A Seminar on Unaccounted for Water, Leakage Detection and Control was held, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and WHO. Various officials and persons concerned with water supplies attended. (NLM 9/20)

Donations from Abroad

[We report here donations apparently from foreign sources,

except for donations incidental to the visits of business visitors, etc., which are included in accounts of the visits. We do not normally report the numerous articles on donations by Burmese individuals inside Burma and Burmese companies to government, religious, and social organizations and charities.]

Sept. 7: Mr. Axel Muller of ILF Co. of Germany, his wife Daw Swe Swe Kyaw Zin, presented medicines worth K 100,000 to the No. 2 Military Hospital. (NLM 9/8)

Sept. 7: Secretary-General U Za Bwe Jom of the Council of Kachin Baptist Churches presented a donation by Prof. Robert MacCarley of Iowa State University of over 960 copies of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. (NLM 9/8)

Sept. 11: Construction Manager Mr. Ng Sze Tat of Syntech Woh Hup Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, which is building the Traders Hotel, donated 105 books on construction to the Yangon Institute of Technology. (NLM 9/12)

Sept. 13: Chairman Mr. Riaz Lalljee of Rustal Trading Ltd. of Geneva, Switzerland, donated US\$ 50,000 to the Ministry of Trade for social and religious projects. (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 14: The Japanese Ambassador donated a bicycle trailer to the Health Department for the Magyitaing rural health care centre. (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 18: Mr. Murali of Agrocorp International Pte. Ltd. presented K 1.8 million and office automation equipment to the Myanma Agricultural Service. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 19: Managing Director U Denis Win Thein of Capital Mac Centre (Myanmar) presented a Power Mac computer worth K 435,000 to the Universities Central Library. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 20: A US\$ 50,000 prefabricated building, donated by the Japanese Government to the Tiger Parahita School for Development of National Races, was inaugurated in Hline Township by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 9/21)

Sept. 27: Executive Vice-President Mr. T. Yamamura and party of Itochu Corp. of Japan presented two computers to Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. Nutricia Co. of Holland, with Myanmar Dairy Industries Ltd., donated Nutrima powdered milkfood and plastic balloons worth K 50,000 to Children's Hospital. (NLM 9/28)

Sept. 28: Executive Director Mr. Philip Roger of Informatics Holding Ltd. of Singapore donated computer publications worth K 150,000 to the Ministry of Education. (NLM 9/29)

Border & Regional Affairs

Sept. 7: A meeting to celebrate the opening of Myanmar-Bangladesh border trade checkpoint was held in Maungtaw on Sept. 5, attended by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi and Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung from Myanmar, and Minister of Fisheries and Livestock Mr. Abdullah Al Noman of Bangladesh. The two Myanmar Ministers then went to Teknaf, Bangladesh, to open a checkpoint there; attended by the Bangladesh Fisheries and Livestock Minister and by Minister of Commerce Mr. M. Shamsul Islam. (NLM 9/8) // Sept. 8: The Myanmar Ministers flew by helicopter Sept. 5 from Teknaf to Cox's Bazaar, where they visited the Maha Theindawgyi Buddhist Monastery, and met local Rakhines to explain Myanmar's "current situations." "Local Rakhines said they always watch TV Myanmar programmes, expressing their wish to visit Myanmar." The Ministers on Sept. 6 visited a prawn breeding station in Cox's Bazaar and the Chit San Myanmar Monastery. They visited the "Myanmar Market", and "cordially conversed with local Rakhines, who are selling and buying Myanmar products there." They then returned to Teknaf and Maungtaw. (NLM 9/9)

Sept. 12: Lao-Myanmar Aviation Affairs were discussed at Yangon Airport by a Myanmar delegation led by Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Aye and a Lao delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr. Bounkong Noufongsamouth of the Department of Civil Aviation. "The meeting discussed opening of air route

between the two countries...." (NLM 9/13) // Sept. 13: The Lao official called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. "Flights between the two countries, start of air service in November and bilateral goodwill relations were cordially discussed." (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 21: A two-day Special Air Traffic Services Coordination Meeting under the auspices of the ICAO regional office, began at the Department of Civil Aviation, with representatives from ICAO (2), Malaysia (2), India (2), and Myanmar (8). (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 24: A Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Minister for Immigration and Population Lt-Gen. Maung Hla left for Bangladesh at the invitation of Home Affairs Minister Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhury. Other members were Director-General U Maung Aung of the Immigration and Manpower Department, Director U Yan Ro Thang of the Attorney-General's Office, Deputy Director Maj. Thu Ta Swe of the Border Region Immigration Inspection Supervisory Headquarters, Planning Manager U Aye of UNHCR, Deputy Director U Aung Than of the Foreign Ministry, and the Minister's PSO Capt. Win Moe. (NLM 9/25) // Sept. 27: The delegation returned. (NLM 9/28)

Social and Economic Cooperation

Sept. 25: The first meeting of the Supervisory Committee of the Asia Pacific Network on Teak Research and Development (Teaknet) was held at the International Business Centre, and was addressed by Director-General Dr. Kyaw Tint of the Forests Department and FAO Resident Representative Mr. A.W. Jalil. Officials of FAO, UNDP, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Forestry Department representatives, and representatives from China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia, as well as Mr. Kashio of the FAO regional office (RAPA) and Dr. C.T.S. Nair of the Forestry Research Support Programme (FORSPA) attended. (NLM 9/26) // Sept. 26: Members of the Teaknet Steering Committee called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 9/27)

FOREIGN VISITORS

[Although we rarely note it, foreign visitors calling on Myanmar officials are often accompanied by their Ambassadors. -- HCMacD.]

International Agency Visitors

Sept. 11: Senior Sericulture Expert Mr. Lim Chong Sune of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and "said Myanmar has good prospects for cultivation of mulberry and sericulture, and praised Myanmar's efforts in that area. (NLM 9/12)

Sept. 12: Executive Director Mr. G Baker and Director of Public Relations Ms. Nancy Sharp of the United States National Committee on UNICEF visited UNICEF water and health projects in Bago Township. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 20: Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Assistant Administrator of UNDP/Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP) Dr. Nay Htun arrived and called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, who hosted a dinner for him. (NLM 9/21) // Sept. 21: He studied the Ngamoeyeik Reservoir, and visited Dagon University, the Defence Services Museum, and the Historical Research Institute. (NLM 9/22) // Sept. 22: He called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 9/23) // Sept. 23: Following a meeting with Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, he departed. (NLM 9/24)

Sept. 28: UNDCP Legal Adviser Mr. Andrew Wells called on Deputy Attorney-General U Khin Maung Aye. (NLM 9/29)

Cultural Visitors

Sept. 11: Prof. K. Kaneko of Japan called on Minister for Culture Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint to discuss "bilateral cultural

cooperation and workshop on International Lacquerware Exhibition."
(NLM 9/12)

Medical Visitors

Sept. 4: Vice-President Datin Akiko Aw and party of the Singapore Red Cross Society called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt to discuss "cancer treatment and conducting bilateral research." (NLM 9/ 5)

Sept. 15: Professor Emeritus Yuichi Shiokawa and party of Juntend University, Tokyo, called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt to discuss "Japan-Myanmar research programmes on infection of AIDS in TB patients." (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 19: Prof. Oliver Gagey of France will speak Sept. 22 on Prevention of Infection in Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 27: Visiting American cardiac surgeons led by Dr. Joan Coggin, Dr. Kevin Kyaw Win, and Dr. Nu Nanda Than of Loma Linda University's Heart to Heart Team, performed joint heart operations at Yangon General Hospital with Myanmar surgeons Prof. Dr. Ye Myint and Lecturer Dr. Khin Maung Aye. They will "give lectures and hold seminars" until Oct. 7. A similar project took place in 1994. (NLM 9/28)

Business Visitors

Aug. 31: A 36-member delegation of Japanese industrialists led by Chairman Mr. Taka Ono of the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry arrived, and discussed investment opportunities with Chairman U Khin Maung Yi and members of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 9/1) // Sept. 2: The 38-member [sic] delegation called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel on Aug. 31. (NLM 9/3)

Aug. 31: Director Mr. David J. Olson of Lion Nathan International Ltd. of Australia and officials of the Australia Marketing Trade and Technology Co. Ltd. called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 9/1)

Sept. 1: Mr. E. Nishihama, head of Grant Projects of Kanematsu Corporation of Japan, and party, called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, to discuss the Urban Water Supply Project Phase III to be implemented under the Japanese Grant Programme, and Japanese assistance for road and bridge construction in border areas. (NLM 9/2)

Sept. 4: Senior Vice-President Mr. Peter I. Bijur and party of Texaco Inc. of USA called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 4: Philippine Ex-Foreign Minister Mr. Roberto R. Romulo and members of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss "basic industrial establishments and opportunities for investment in Myanmar." (NLM 9/5) // Sept. 5: Mr. Romulo called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 9/6)

Sept. 4: Mayor Mr. Yashushi Mosose of Narakawa and party of the Narakawamura lacquerware study delegation of Japan called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 4: A 20-member Japanese economic mission led by Executive Vice-President Mr. Tatsuo Hirata of Nisso Iwai Corp., Japan, arrived. (NLM 9/5) // Sept. 5: The mission called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 9/6) // Sept. 6: The mission called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 9/7) // Sept. 7: The mission called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. Later it departed for home.

(NLM 9/8)

Sept. 4: Managing Director Mr. Mark C. Israelsen of Oracle Corporation appointed Myanma Computer Company (MCC) as the Oracle System Integrater. Five Oracle systems were donated to Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein, Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung, Deputy Education Minister Dr. Than Nyunt, and Director of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence Col. Thaik Tun. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 10: Mr. Amarin, professional makeup artist of Hanako (Tokyo), demonstrated his skills on filmstar Htet Htet Moe Oo at the grand opening of the Hanako Cosmetics Facial Health Care Centre at 380 Bogyoke Aung San Road, in the presence of Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thaung. (NLM 9/ 11)

Sept. 11: Chairman Lt-Gen. Ng Jui Ping (retd.) of Chartered Industries of Singapore Pte. Ltd. called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 9/12) // Sept. 12: He called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 12: Managing Director Mr. Anuar Ahmad of Petronas Trading Corporation Sdn Bhd, Malaysia, and party, called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 13: Chairman Mr. Tokio Morimoto and party of the EPDC International Ltd. of Japan called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 13: An Indian delegation led by Chairman Mr. Bhaskar Sen of the Foreign Trade Standing Committee of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, and on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 9/14) // Sept. 16: It called on President U Khin Maung Yi of the Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 9/17)

Sept. 13: Director Herr Michael W. Uhlmann of the Lufthansa Airlines Board for Asia and the Pacific Region called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 14: President Mr. Wu Wen Kuan and party of Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation, and President Mr. Ni Lian Hai and party of Shandong Native Produce Import and Export Corporation called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, who hosted a dinner for the two groups. (NLM 9/15)

Sept. 18: Regional Marketing Director Mr. K.H. Ruecker of BASF-South-East Asia Regional Headquarters Pte. Ltd., accompanied by Mr. R. Eisenlohr and Mr. G. Groezinger, gave a seminar and demonstration on dyeing technology. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 18: Managing Director Ms Robin Abrams of Apple Asia of the United States called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, and on Minister for Education U Pan Aung. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 20: A delegation led by Director Miss Zhu Xia Fang of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Shanghai, called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 9/21)

Sept. 21: Chairman M. Pierre Cardin and party of Pierre Cardin Co. of France was given a dinner by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. He presided over a fashion show at the Nawarat Concorde Hotel, where he was assisted by M. Edouard Saint Bris as interpreter. He said "he was glad to be the first among those in his prestigious profession to come to Myanmar and added he hopes to open a boutique when conditions permit." Various officials, diplomats and journalists attended, including Mr. Stephen Brooke of Asia Times. (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 24: Mr. Victor Lee, Regional Manager (Asia) of Briggs and Stratton Corp., West Australia, at the invitation of President Mr. Peter Loh of Tong Tah Co. Ltd., dealer, demonstrated Briggs & Stratton engines of US origin. (NLM 9/25)

Sept. 25: Senior Vice-President Mr Yves Lucas and party of Alcatel Cit Co. of France called on Chairman of the Myanmar

Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 9/ 26)

Sept. 25: President Mr. Korn Lee and party of the Samgong Industrial Co. Ltd. of Korea called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. (NLM 9/ 26)

Sept. 26: President Commissioner Mr. J. Sulaiman Lubis and party of P.T. Indo-Portland of Indonesia called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 9/27) // Sept. 28: He called on Minister for Industry Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 9/29)

Sept. 27: A Japanese industrial mission led by Managing Director Mr. N. Uehara and officials of Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 9/28) // Sept. 28: The mission called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, to discuss "upgrading Yangon Port, extension of Thilawa Port, Construction of Kyaukphyu Deep Sea Port, building and plying container ships, international airport project, and investment potentials. It also called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 9/29)

Sept. 28: Retired Indonesian Lt-Gen. Soemakno Iswadi called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "friendly relations and investment opportunities." (NLM 9/29)

Sept. 28: Director Mr. Sylvain Denis of Air France called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 9/29)

Religious Visitors

Sept. 24: An 11-member Indonesian religious delegation headed by Director-General Mr. I Ketut Pasek of the Buddhist Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Venerable Panna Varo arrived. (NLM 9/ 25) // Sept. 25: The delegation visited various famous pagodas in Yangon. (NLM 9/26) // Sept. 26: The delegation visited pagodas in Bagan. (NLM 9/27) // Sept. 28: SLORC Chairman Senior General and Madame Than Shwe paid respects to the Venerable Bhikku Panna Varo at Kaba Aye. The delegation paid respect to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws. (NLM 9/ 29) // Sept. 29: The delegation departed. (NLM 9/30)

Sept. 27: A Chinese religious delegation composed of Venerable Shi Neng Xiu of Damin Monastery and Deputy Director for Religious Affairs Mr. Yanhuayi of Lanzhou, Gansu Province, arrived and were welcomed by Myanmar officials and visiting Deputy Mayor Mr. Huang Xue Qi of Lanzhou. (NLM 9/28) // Sept. 28: The delegation called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 9/29)

Media Visitors

Sept. 20: Bangkok Bureau Chief Mr. Masatoshi Hara of NHK called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. (NLM 9/ 21)

Brunei Communications Minister

Aug. 31: An 8-member delegation led by Brunei Minister for Communications Dato Haji Zakariaq DMW Hj Sulaiman arrived. He called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 9/1) // Sept. 1: The Minister called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min, and Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 9/2) // Sept. 2: The Minister called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 9/3) // Sept. 3: He departed. (NLM 9/4)

Sept. 22: [In an apparent follow-up], Director Mr. George M Tan of the Royal Brunei Civil Aviation Department called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba to discuss "extension of flights between the two countries and tourist transport." (NLM 9/23)

Chinese Local Officials

Aug. 31: Deputy Mayor of Lanzhou Mr. Huang Xue Qi called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 9/1) // Sept. 3: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay hosted a dinner in his honor at the Club House of the city Golf Resort. (NLM 9/4,28))

Sept. 13: Chairman Mr. Ouyang Guobin and party of the Yunnan Economic Research Academy called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 9/14) // Sept. 14: He called on officials of the Ministry of Cooperatives. (NLM 9/15) // Sept. 20: He flew Sept. 16 to Mandalay where he met with the Mandalay City Development Committee and visited economic and tourist sites on Sept. 17, leaving Mandalay on Sept. 18. (NLM 9/21)

Pakistan Official

Aug. 31: Additional Secretary of the Pakistan Ministry of Industry Mr. Saghir Asad Hasan and party called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss "industrial investment in Myanmar, production of cement and fertilizer and bilateral cooperation. (NLM 9/1) // Sept. 1: The Secretary called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 9/2)

Thai Defence Minister

Sept. 1: A Thai goodwill mission led by Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh arrived by special flight, at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. The Minister called on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. It visited the Myanma Gems Museum, the Defence Services Museum, and the Thanlyin-Kyauktan Region Development Project. Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin hosted a dinner, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and other officials. (NLM 9/2)

Sept. 2: The Thai delegation called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. It also visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, the International Business Centre, and Dagon University. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt hosted a lunch in honor of the delegation, which then returned home to Bangkok. (NLM 9/3)

Japanese Trade Adviser

Sept. 3: Adviser Mr. Masahisa Naitoh of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Japan and party called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 9/4)

US UN Representative

Sept. 8: Ms. Madeleine K. Albright, Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, and delegation, arrived by special flight, and were welcomed by Director-General U Khin Win of the Foreign Ministry Political Department. They visited UNICEF-sponsored low-lift pump water supplies and ventilated improved pit latrines in Bago Township, as well as the Indagaw BEPS school. She was also received by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 9/9) // Sept. 9: She departed, after giving a news conference at the airport. (NLM 9/10)

Warning from US Businesswoman

Sept. 26 [full text]: To whom it may concern. It has been brought to the notice of Ms Miriam Marshall Segal, Co-Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Co-Partner of the Myanmar American Fisheries Co. Ltd., Yangon and ex-Executive Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Peregrine Capital Myanmar Ltd., Yangon that certain persons and companies have been maliciously defaming her and blemishing her name, her character and her reputation by false imputations with visible representations, circulation of letters, publications and spoken words. It is hereby warned that these certain people immediately desist from such illegal actions or else legal

action will be taken against them under the Penal Code and the Code of Penal Procedure in a court of law.

Dr. Myo Htun Lynn
Barrister-at-Law and Notary Public

(NLM 9/26)

Romanian Commerce Official

Sept. 28: Director-General Mr. Ioan Ban of the Asia Oceania Division, Romanian Ministry of Commerce, called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 9/29)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Sept. 2: Staff Officer U Aung Kyi Oo of the Settlement and Land Records Department left for Germany and the Philippines, under German government sponsorship, to attend a two-year Post-graduate Course on Regional Development Planning and Management in Developing Countries. (NLM 9/3)

Sept. 5: Daw Nilar San (PAT) of South Okkalapa Township BEMS No. 7 left for 1995 Study Tour Awards for Outstanding Foreign Students of the Japanese Language, with the assistance of the Japan Foundation. (NLM 9/6)

Sept. 5: Eight trainees led by Deputy Director Daw Tin Tin Mya of the Planning Department left for Thailand to attend the Use of Human Resources Development Indicators for Planning Process Attachment Training, jointly sponsored in Bangkok from Sept. 6-15 by the Department of Labour and the UN Population Fund. (NLM 9/6)

Sept. 12: Principal U Aung Moe of Mawlamyine Technical High School and Assistant Regional Engineer U Htay Myint of the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department left Sept. 11 for Korea to attend a Course on Promotion of Small and Medium Sized Industries sponsored by the Korea International Cooperation Agency. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 16: Staff Officer U Kyaw Kyaw of the Labour Department left for Osaka, Japan, to attend the Sept. 18-22 Top Forum on Labour-Management Cooperation: From Labour Disputes to Cooperation. (NLM 9/17)

Sept. 17: A 9-member delegation led by Deputy Director-General of Embassies Department U Tun Ngwe (of the Foreign Ministry) left for Thailand to study public relations and rural development, under a program sponsored by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Members are U Than Tun and U Tin Aung of the Development Affairs Department, U Zaw Lin and U Kyaw Swe of the General Administration Department, U Zaw Min Thein, U Sein Shwe, and Daw Than Htay of the News and Periodicals Enterprise, and Secretary U Kyaw Myint of the Foreign Ministry. (NLM 9/18) // Sept. 27: The delegation returned. (NLM 9/28)

Sept. 25: Professor Dr. Myo Myint of the Department of English, Institute of Education, left Sept. 24 for Britain to attend a Course on Teaching and Testing of English. (NLM 9/26)

Sept. 27: Tutor Daw Win Win Thant of the Japanese Language Department, Institute of Foreign Languages, left for Japan to attend a 9-month training program for foreign teachers of the Japanese Language, sponsored by the Japan Foundation. (NLM 9/28)

Delegations to Meetings & Events

Sept. 16: A Myanmar delegation led by Chairman Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Saw Tun of the Myanmar Atomic Energy Committee left for Vienna to attend the 39th General Assembly of the International Atomic Energy Agency, beginning Sept. 18. He was accompanied by Deputy Director Col. Kyaw Mya of the Office of the Director of Defence Service Industries, Myanma Ambassador to Germany U Win Aung, and Secretary of the Myanma Atomic Energy Committee U Thein Oo Po, who left Sept. 11 in advance. (NLM 9/17)

Sept. 16: A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt left for Colombo, Sri Lanka, to attend the Sept. 19-

22 13th South-East Asian Region Ministerial Meeting on Health sponsored by the WHO. He was accompanied by Director-General Dr. Hla Myint of the Health Department and Personal Staff Officer Capt. Moe Aung. Other delegation members were Director-General Dr. Ko Lay of the Health Manpower Department and Deputy Director (Foreign Relations) Dr. Ohn Kyaw of the Health Ministry. They had left in advance to attend the 48th Preliminary Meeting of WHO South-East Asia Regional Committee and the 28th Consultative Meeting on Programme Development and Administration, held in Colombo Sept. 12-18. (NLM 9/17) // Sept. 24: The Minister returned; other delegation members returned with him, or on Sept. 20. (NLM 9/25)

Sept. 19: A delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel left for Singapore to attend the Sept. 20-22 Fourth Europe and East Asia Economic Summit Meeting of World Economic Forum. Other members are Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyi of the Directorate of Trade, Prof. Dr. Tin Soe of the Institute of Economics, Legal Adviser Dr. Tun Shin of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung Yi of the Directorate of Investment and Companies, and seven entrepreneurs. (NLM 9/20) // Sept. 23: The delegates returned. Also returning was Chief Editor U Soe Myint of the Myanma Alin Press. (NLM 9/24) // Sept. 25: On September 20 the Forum held a Special Seminar on Myanmar at which Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel spoke, attended by "about 500 top entrepreneurs of the world." Three members of the Myanmar delegation spoke on Economic Reforms, Doing Business in Myanmar, and Legal Framework, in simultaneous sessions. In the evening a special meeting on the Mekong region was held, led by leaders of the five-Mekong basin nations (Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand) and the Asian Development Bank. (NLM 9/26) [see also under ECONOMIC: Economic Articles, for summary of Myanmar presentations]

Sept. 21: A delegation led by Director-General Daw Khin Than Tin of the Auditor-General's Office left for Cairo to attend the Sept. 24-Oct. 2 Incosai IV of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions. The other member is U Tin Shein of the Auditor-General's Office. (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 22: Chief Justice U Aung Toe, accompanied by Supreme Court Justice U Kyaw Win left for Canada to attend the Seventh International Appellate Judges Conference in Ottawa. (NLM 9/23)

World Women's Conference

Sept. 13 [full text]: The following is the statement by Major-General Soe Myint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Leader of the Delegation of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace in Beijing on 11 September:--
Madame President,

Allow me to extend, on behalf of my delegation and on my own, my warmest congratulations to you upon your unanimous election as president of the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women. My delegation firmly believes that your wealth of experience and wisdom will prove invaluable in guiding us successfully through the deliberations.

My delegation would also like to express our deep and sincere appreciation to the People's Republic of China for hosting this historic gathering and also for the warm hospitality extended to us all.

Madame President,

We have gathered here in Beijing on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and at the threshold of a new millennium to review our achievements as well as our limitations in the field of the advancement of women. In particular, we are here to examine how far we have progressed to reach the goals set by the Nairobi-Forward-Looking strategies aimed at Equality, Development and Peace for Women.

Madame President,

The United Nations has already held four World Conferences on Women including this one. The year 1975 was designated the International Women's Year and the period 1976-1985 was proclaimed the United Nations Decade for Women. In 1979, the General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women which is a major international legal instrument safeguarding women's rights.

Madame President,

Though the United Nations has been promoting advancement of women, we are of the view that there is still much to be done. Poverty, unequal access to educational opportunities and health services and inequality in sharing responsibilities and decision-making are some of the problems that beset the women today. We are gathered here at the Beijing Conference, to adopt a Platform for action, addressing the eleven critical areas of concern and recommending steps to overcome them. Myanmar is prepared to contribute its share for a successful adoption of a draft Platform for Action in solidarity with the international community.

Madame President,

May I also take this opportunity to appraise the Conference of the status of Myanmar women including some of their efforts in national development. In the world today, women are constantly battling against inequality and discrimination. In this context, I feel proud to say that Myanmar women have been bestowed equality with men as an inherent right. Since the inception of Myanmar civilization 2,000 years ago, there has been historical evidence that Myanmar women and men did enjoy equal rights. Myanmar traditions and customs, Dhammathats or customary law, religious beliefs and practices have all along safeguarded the equality of Myanmar women with men in such crucial areas a marriage and inheritance. Women have played distinguished roles in administration since the days of Myanmar Kings. According to royal court practices, the coronation ceremony of a Myanmar King would not be complete without the presence of his Chief Queen. The death sentence passed by the king can be commuted on a request by the queen or princess to whom this privilege has been accorded. Similarly, Myanmar women were in the forefront, together with the men, in the struggle for national independence. In the history of Myanmar, many women who were well-versed in literature, law and religious doctrines rendered distinguished services to the country. In the contemporary era, having equal employment opportunities, women educated within the country and abroad are also working alongside men in the fields of administration, law, judiciary and medicine. Evidence shows that based on their own skills and merit, these women rise up to the top decisionmaking and management positions. I would like to emphasize here that there exist no barriers in the form of social norms or practices that restrain the Myanmar women from playing prominent career roles in the Myanmar society. In Myanmar, wives have been characterized as 'wives who are like mothers,' and 'wives who are like sisters' indicating the respect and devotion that men have towards their wives.

Madame President,

The 1994-95, population of Myanmar is estimated at 44.74 million, of which 22.52 million are womenfolk. It is imperative that the State should make use of the potential of women in national development. The Government of the Union of Myanmar is therefore making far-reaching investments in the education of women from all strata of society. Myanmar statistics reveal that women enjoy equal access to education as men. Similarly in Myanmar, health services for women are targeted to provide live-cycle approach to health care for women.

Madame President,

The State Law and Order Restoration Council promulgated the 'Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Law' in 1990. The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, formed in 1991, has been engaged in tasks to help women at the grass roots level achieve good health and develop good moral character. It is also helping

women at poverty level to achieve economic empowerment through credit facilities and income-generating activities. In the social sphere, the Government is carrying out social welfare programmes aimed at protecting women, and providing vocational training for young women living in border areas which traditionally have lagged behind in development. In the economic sphere, women's cooperatives, such as the Myanmar Women Entrepreneur's Association, have been taking the lead in promoting business opportunities for women.

Madame President,

Myanmar as a developing country is making use of the wealth and resources at its disposal in striving for the betterment of the people. As the Union of Myanmar charts its course towards the goal of a modern developed state, its ability in fulfilling the needs of its citizens including women in the fields of education, health and economy will be greatly enhanced.

In conclusion I would like to state that women in Myanmar enjoy a special status. Safeguarded by traditions and customs, as well as customary law, religious beliefs and practices, Myanmar women have equal pay and employment opportunities. Special laws are laid in place to safeguard women's rights in such critical areas as marriage and inheritance. Most important, in the Myanmar society, men and women have a symbiotic relationship, mutually depending upon one another. They believe that they have equal and shared responsibilities towards the family and the society.

May I reiterate that the Delegation of Myanmar will be participating actively in the discussions and deliberations of the Conference for a successful adoption of the Platform for Action.

Thank you, Madame President.

(NLM 9/14)

Sept. 18: The Myanmar delegation to the World Conference on Women led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint returned from Beijing; eight members also returned; the other two will return Sept. 19. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 24: Members of the delegation, including Prof. Daw Yi Yi Myint of the Department of Administration, were honoured by the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association. (NLM 9/25)

Military Delegation to China

Sept. 6: A delegation led by Director of Signals of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen. Sein Lay left for China at the invitation of the Fenghuo Radio Plant, Shaanxi Province. It includes General Manager U Myint Swe of the Directorate of Defence Services Procurement and military officers. (NLM 9/7) // Sept. 18: The delegation returned. (NLM 9/19)

Livestock Delegation to Indonesia

Sept. 12: A delegation led by Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung left for Indonesia to discuss livestock breeding and fisheries with Indonesian officials; it will also visit Singapore. (NLM 9/13) // Sept. 22: The delegation returned. In Jakarta they met with entrepreneurs to explain Myanmar's political and economic reforms and investment and market potentials. On Sept. 13, the Minister called on Indonesian President Soeharto, and later had bilateral talks with Indonesian Agriculture Minister Dr. Sjarifudin Baharsjah. On Sept. 14, he visited Bandung, called on the Governor of Java, and studied the Indonesian Aircraft Industry. On Sept. 15, he studied hybridization and embryo transfer in Lembang region and tea cultivation in Gunung Mas region. On Sept. 16, he visited poultry and bee keeping and the aquarium in Bogor region and prawn breeding in Lampung region. On Sept. 17 he visited the Governor of Yogyakarta and Borobudur Pagoda on Sept. 18. On Sept. 19 he visited Bali, to discuss tourism and handicrafts with the Governor, and studied fishery research and cooperative fish hybridization. On Sept. 20 he studied fish packaging and tuna export to Japan at PT Samudra Besar. In the evening he flew to Singapore, where he met directors of the Myanmar Seafood Joint Venture Company. On Sept. 21

he observed the Crocodile Breeding Station at Long Kuan Hung, goldfish breeding at Qian Hu, and the Seng Choon poultry farm. Later he and the delegation visited the Second Asia Aquaculture and Fisheries Exhibition. (NLM 9/23)

Two Delegations to China

Sept. 20: A 5-member goodwill delegation led by Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung left on an official visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Labour. Members are Deputy Commander Col. Thura Aye Myint of No. 33 Light Infantry Division, Chairman U Chit Than of the Social Security Board, Director U Kyaw Win of the Labour Department, and Personal Staff Officer Capt. Zaw Lwin. (NLM 9/21) // Sept. 29: The delegation returned. (NLM 9/30)

Sept. 20: A 15-member delegation led by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein left for China at the invitation of the Yunnan Provincial Peoples Congress Chairman. (NLM 9/21) // Sept. 27: The delegation returned. (NLM 9/28)

Delegation to UN General Assembly

Sept. 27: A delegation chaired by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw left for New York to attend the 50th Session of the UN General Assembly, which began Sept. 19. He was accompanied by Director U Thauung Tun and PSO U Zaw Myint Oo. Also part of the delegation are Myanmar UN Representative Ambassador U Win Mra (alternate Chairman), Ambassadors U Thauung from Washington and U Pe Thein Tin from Islamabad, Deputy Director-General U Zaw Wynn and Deputy Director U Kyaw Thu of the Foreign Ministry, Minister-Counsellor U Mya Than of the Myanmar UN Mission in Geneva, Minister-Counsellor U Tint Deir and Counsellor U Thane Myint of the Myanmar UN Mission in New York. Advisers include Deputy Director U Ko Ko and Head of Branch U Hau Do Suan of the Foreign Ministry, and First Secretary U Hla Myint, Second Secretary U Kyaw Swa, and Third Secretary U Htwe Din of the Myanmar UN Mission in New York. (NLM 9/28)

Delegations Return

[Return of delegations whose departure was noted in early issues, or whose departure NLM did not cover]

Sept. 4: A Myanmar Red Cross delegation led by Acting Executive Director U Kyaw Soe returned from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Cultural Charity Fashion Gala in Singapore. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 6: Director-General U Than Nyunt returned from the Value-added Tax Seminar in Vienna, Aug. 21-Sept. 1. (NLM 9/7)

Sept. 14: A 10-member Myanmar delegation led by Head of Office U Hla Pe of the Foreign Ministry, returned from a 10-day study tour of Japan; it had left on Sept. 3. (NLM 9/15)

Sept. 22: Fifteen agriculture graduates returned after attending 11-month on-the-job training courses in Israel arranged by Arava Development Co. Ltd. of Israel. "In Israel they stayed together with peasant families and took part in a complete process of growing a crop, from tilling to harvesting and packing. Their qualification, efficiency, adherence to discipline and amiable manners evoked satisfaction from their hosts." A second batch of 40 graduates are to be sent. (NLM 9/23)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC appointed the following, on probation:

Sept. 6: Dr. Kyaw Tint, Deputy Director-General, Planning and Statistics Department, to be Director-General, Forest Department, Ministry of Forestry. (NLM 9/7)

Sept. 21: U Ba Win, Deputy General Manager, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, to be Director-General, Directorate of Posts and Telecommunications. (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 27: Lt-Col. San Kyi, Director (Production), Myanmar

Foodstuff Industries, to be Managing Director, Myanmar General Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

U Soe Tint, Pro-Rector, to be Rector, Institute of Forestry, Ministry of Forestry. (NLM 9/28)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Sept. 21: U Soe Win as Director-General, Fisheries Department, Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries.

U Cho as Principal, Sittway Degree College, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Soe Yin as Principal, Patheingyi Degree College, Ministry of Education. (NLM 9/22)

MILITARY

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Sept. 7: Five members of the Loimaw drug trafficking armed group returned to the legal fold in Kengtung Township on Aug. 19. (NLM 9/8)

Sept. 11: A member of the Burma Communist Party terrorist group, returned to the legal fold on Sept. 4 in South-East Command. (NLM 9/12)

Sept. 17: Dr. Myint Swe, a research officer of the Burma Youth Volunteer Association (BYVA) in Japan, member of the Burma Association in Japan (BAIJ) and former Joint Secretary of the Democratic Alliance of Burma, returned to legal fold Sept. 10, through the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo. (NLM 9/18)

Sept. 19: Between Aug. 1-11, 31 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 20: Two Kayin armed group members returned to the legal fold Sept. 12 in the South-East Command area [names and details]. (NLM 9/21)

Sept. 21: Eight KNU and ABSDF armed group members, led by Deputy Commander Aung Soe Tun of the ABSDF No. 207 Battalion, plus nine family members, returned to the legal fold Sept. 18 at the Myawady Camp. (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 22: Between Aug. 12-16, 27 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 9/23)

Sept. 24: Between Aug. 17-28, 45 members of various armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details], bringing the August total to 103. (NLM 9/25)

Sept. 27: Three members of the Loimaw drug trafficking terrorist group returned to the legal fold at Monghsat on Aug. 15 [names and details]. (NLM 9/28)

GOVERNMENT

Myanmar Gemstone Law

Sept. 29: SLORC Law No. 8/95 of September 29, the Myanmar Gemstone Law, regulates gemstone production and sale [full text in NLM], the purposes of developing a 100% local market for Myanmar gems and jewellery; freeing private companies and cooperatives to produce and market gems freely; open gem markets; and eradicate illegal production and smuggling of gems. The Ministry of Mines may designate and change Gemstone Tracts where gemstone can be produced on a commercial scale -- all gemstones are "deemed to be owned by the state." Gemstone Blocks may be established where gemstone can be extracted as gemstone blocks. The Ministry issues Gemstone Production Permits, on the basis of competitive bidding, and reissue them on new terms on their expiration. Landowners may apply for permits covering their land. Permit holders are regulated, and must pay royalties, submit raw gemstones produced, abide by working, environmental, and safety conditions; they may produce raw gemstones, cut and polish

them, sell them freely (for kyats to Myanmar; foreign currency to foreigners), export them, participate in the Gem Emporium, etc. The Ministry also issues Marketing Permits for the sale of gems for foreign currency in jewellery shops (or in kyats to Myanmar). It establishes Valuation Bodies to evaluate gems produced by permit holders. Royalties: Ruby, Sapphire, Jade, Diamonds (20%); other gemstones (10%). Sales in kyats to Myanmar are exempt from sales taxes. Sales in foreign exchange are subject to an additional 10% royalty on the actual sale value; but sellers are exempt from other taxes. A Central Gemstone Supervisory Committee under the Deputy Minister for Mines is formed to advise the Ministry, hear appeals of valuations, etc., and recommend changes in royalty rates. The Director-General of the Planning and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Mines is designated Chief Inspector to supervise application of the Law. Administrative rules for suspension, extension, or cancellation of permits are provided. Penalties are provided for: smuggling gems (10 years to life imprisonment, plus fine); mining outside permit areas, or concealing gems (7-15 years imprisonment); other infractions (1-7 years imprisonment); failure to comply with regulations (up to 3 years). All directors and managers of companies are equally liable. Gems and transport involved in smuggling, etc., may be confiscated. (NLM 9/30)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Sept. 2: Turning Magway Township Green, by Swe Thant Ko. [Visit to the area.]

Sept. 4: The Greening of Dry Arid Regions of Central Myanmar, by Zaw Gyi (Lawk Sawk). [April 10 regional meeting on Desertification recalled. Myanmar projects for greening of Central Myanmar.]

Sept. 5: Building over-pass bridges for public safety, by Myo Kyaw Aung. [Vehicle and pedestrian overpasses constructed by State Law and Order Restoration Council; list of 18 built since 1989.]

Sept. 6-8: Golden land from under the water, by Pho Tha Aung. [(1) Land reclamation in Ayeyawady Division. The Division has 8,682,619 acres, (incl. 3,946,143 cultivable; 494,690 wildland; 336,420 fallow; 1,779,758 forests; 470,197 other forests; 1,655,141 other). (2) Various projects discussed. (3) Roads and bridges.]

Sept. 9: Five ways of getting water to develop agriculture, by Thein Win Gyi. [Renovating dams and reservoirs; building new ones; building dams and embankments; irrigation; tube wells.]

Sept. 10: Developing roads and communications in the country, by Ah-htet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [List of 18 bridges and overpasses built by State Law and Order Restoration Council.]

Sept. 11: Agricultural development for modernization of the country, by Lwin Hein Aung (Pa-O). [Socialist plans for agriculture having failed, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has sought "on an unprecedented scale to develop agriculture by initiating almost all practical measures." Irrigation a central feature. As a result, in 1994-95, enough rice was produced to feed a population of 46 million and still export 1,012,364 tons. "Myanmar has thus become another major rice exporting country which is one of the greatest achievements" of the SLORC.]

Sept. 12: Inviting Foreign Experts for Gold Mining, by Kyaw Kyaw. ["Invitations have been issued to foreign firms desirous of exploring and exploiting gold.... These foreign experts are to study sixteen blocks with possibility of gold deposits and report within one year on feasibility of commercial exploitation.... Joint ventures with the Government will then be discussed...."]

Sept. 13: Yadana natural gas project, by Aung Moe Hein. [30 year contract signed Feb. 2, 1995 between Myanma Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise and PTT of Thailand; sales will begin July 1998 and gas will be sold at US\$ 3 per million BTU, subject to revision. Over US\$ 520 million will be invested in the gas field, and US\$ 560 million in the pipe line. In the 30 years Myanmar will earn US\$ 4,900,000,000 or

US\$ 450,000 per day.]

Sept. 13: Yetagun natural gas project, by Khin Maung Kyaw Din. [Agreement signed May 3, 1990 between MOGE and Premier Oil Co. of Britain; joined later by Texaco Co. of USA and Nippon Oil Co. of Japan. The National Gas Field is 130 miles west of Myeik (Mergui), and has an estimated capacity of 1.2 trillion cubic feet of gas and 26 million barrels of light crude. Negotiations are under way with PTT of Thailand; the field will produce 200 million cubic feet of gas per day for 20 years. The Ministry of Energy is now working the following seven off-shore blocks: Total (France) & PTTEPI (Thailand) -- Blocks M-5, M-6; Texaco (USA), Premier (Britain), and Nippon Oil (Japan) -- Blocks M-12, M-13, M-14; Texaco USA) -- Block M-10; Arco (USA) -- Block M-9.]

Sept. 14: Prospects for gold mining in Myanmar, by Kyaw Kyaw. [Gold has long been valued in Myanmar, for decorative, Royal, and religious use. Much gold is panned, and the government is searching for the mother lodes. Recently, the country has moved to the CIP (carbon in pulp) method of gold extraction; there are four Special Metal (2) Gold Production Projects: Kyaukpahtos, Phayaungtaung, Thayetkhon, and Shwegyin.]

Sept. 15: A proud achievement for Myanma Shipyards, by Hla Tun (Twantay). [August 6 completion of "an aquatic conserver fire boat and a 100-ft long cargo barge to carry away polluted waters," built for Indonesia.]

Sept. 15: Delight of the people, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [Inauguration of the Chaunggaug reservoir dam on Sept. 9.]

Sept. 29: Golden opportunities for investment in Myanmar, by Soe Myint. [Speech by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel at the Special Myanmar Seminar in Singapore on Sept. 19, stating that "This is the most opportune time for foreign investors to do business in Myanmar making the best use of its abundant resources for mutual benefit." He surveyed the investment scene at length:

[Growth: GDP had declined 15.2% between 1985-86 and 1988/89, and per capita income by 20.5%, due to declining terms of trade, etc. In late 1988 the State Law and Order Restoration Council "initiated transformation measures to build up necessary conditions for a market oriented system." Growth since 1992 has been at 7.5% per year (higher than the targeted 5.1%), and projected growth for 1995/96 is 7.7%.

[Agriculture, fisheries, and forests: Only 13% of 67.7 million {hectares?} is under cultivation, and only 17% of sown area is irrigated, so there are great opportunities for expansion. The 2,832 kilometer shoreline includes 500,000 hectares of swamp suitable for shrimp and prawn culture. The continental shelf of 228,781 and exclusive economic zone of 486,000 square kilometers can support a sustainable fishing yield of 1.05 million tons, of which only 55% is now exploited. Forests cover 51% of land, with 8,000 plant species including 2,300 varieties of trees, 850 of orchid, 97 of bamboo, and 32 of cane. Myanmar has the largest share of the world teak market. 2.6 million tons of bamboo (=1 million tons of bamboo pulp) per year can be extracted on a cutting cycle of 10 years. There is a potential for export of 70 million pieces of cane.

[Minerals: Myanmar has many mineral resources. "A variety of metallic and industrial minerals such as refined lead, refined silver, zinc concentrate, copper concentrate, refined tin, tin concentrate, tin-wolfram, scheelite concentrate, gold, coal, gypsum, baryte, limestone, dolomite, bentonite, chromite, fireclay, fluoride, granite and various other items are produced. Precious stones such as most famous rubies, sapphire, spinal, garnet, peridot, tourmaline, aquamarine, amethyst, citrine, zircon, moonstone, lolite, danubrite, and jades of all sorts - imperial, commercial and utility - are also mined.... Pearls of high quality are also cultured." Foreign investment in mining has been invited in gold and copper, and will soon be opened for lead and zinc.

[Oil and gas: 6 multinational companies to date are involved under production sharing contracts on and off-shore. The Yadanar gas

field has a reserve of 9.0 trillion cubic feet. The Yedagun field has 4.2 trillion feet of gas and 2 billion barrels of crude oil.

[Tourism: A cultural destination with unspoilt natural beauty. There are at present 31 ongoing hotel projects with investment of US\$ 604 million; they will add 5,000 hotel rooms, mostly in Yangon. There is need for more hotels in tourist sites like Mandalay, Bagan, Inlay, and Ngapali, as well as newly opened areas like Mawlamyine, Myitkyina, Kengtung, and Pyay.

[Finance: The Financial system has been overhauled to encourage investment. 15 domestic banks have been licensed, four of which deal in foreign exchange. 28 foreign banks have opened representative offices. Private sector participation has been encouraged, and has grown from 2% of the economy before 1988 to 76% now. A Privatization Programme has been launched. For foreign investors there are tax incentives, including a three-year (extendable) holiday from import duty on plant and equipment and taxes. Land and immovable property may be leased inexpensively from the Government. Repatriation of capital and profits is allowed. Foreign investments are guaranteed against nationalization. Myanmar entrepreneurs also enjoy greater advantages. So far, 157 projects totalling US\$ 3 billion have been approved under the Foreign Investment Law.

[Investment Statistics as of August 31, 1995 (Foreign Capital in US\$ millions):

(A) by sector

Agriculture (1)	2.69	
Fisheries (15)	252.04	
Mining (25)	192.51	
Manufacturing (51)	178.30	
Oil and Gas (24)	1,435.42	
Transport (5)	113.21	
Hotels and Tourism (31)	603.88	
Real Estate (5)	224.45	
Totals (157)		3,002.50

(B) by country of origin

Australia (6)	30.00	
Austria (1)	71.50	
Bangladesh (2)	2.96	
Canada (6)	25.04	
China (5)	5.65	
France (1)	465.00	
Hong Kong (17)	64.44	
Japan (6)	106.86	
Korea (9)	60.59	
Macau (1)	2.40	
Malaysia (9)	227.27	
Philippines (1)	6.67	
Singapore (33)	548.32	
Sri Lanka (1)	1.00	
Thailand (27)	418.26	
Netherlands (2)	83.00	
United Kingdom (16)	642.47	
United States (14)	241.07	
Total (157)		3,002.50]

Sept. 30: Doing business in Myanmar, by Soe Myint. [Paper given by Deputy Director-General of Trade U Aung Kyi at the Special Seminar on Myanmar in Singapore. Review of regulations applying to foreign companies operating in Myanmar. Seven methods of doing trade are summarized:

[Normal trade: by letter of credit.

[Counter trade: reciprocal purchase on normal terms.

[Sales on consignment basis: products may be delivered to Myanmar public or private companies for sale on consignment in foreign or local currency. Foreign currency proceeds may be repatriated after payment of local counterpart and income tax. Local sales receipts may be used to buy export goods of up to US\$ 120 fob for each US\$ 100 cif of imports.

[Import first basis: Importers may import goods and then export up to US\$ 110 fob for each US\$ 100 cif imported.

[Border Trade: Across border trade permitted with five neighbouring countries on normal commercial basis.

[Business Representatives: Foreign companies can appoint a representative in Myanmar, to be registered with the Ministry of Trade.

[Establishment of foreign company or branch: Permits required from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development before registration with the Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies. Minimum capital import, in foreign currency, is K 300,000 for services companies, K 500,000 for trading companies, and K 1,000,000 for manufacturing companies. The permit is valid for 2 years and is issued only after remittance of 50% of the capital; the other 50% must be brought in within one year.

[Trade statistics for 1993/94: Totals: K 4,227.8 million exports (SE Asia 41%; other Asia 43%; EEC 3%; other 14%); K 7,923.3 million imports (SE Asia 33%; other Asia 54%; EEC 6%; other 8%) {figures rounded}.]

Economic Inaugurations

Sept. 9: The Chaunggauk Reservoir was inaugurated in Pyawbwe Township, with an address by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. "The reservoir will irrigate 11,500 acres for extending sown acreage to 13,500 acres and supply Yindaw Lake." (NLM 9/10)

Sept. 11: The "soft opening" of the Andaman Club Resort Hotel, being constructed by Andaman Club Co. Ltd. on Thahtay Khun Island in Kawthoung Township took place on Sept. 9. The 205-room world class hotel will cost US\$ 25 million. General Manager Mr. James Kliang of the company and Myanmar officials spoke. (NLM 9/12)

Sept. 14: The Cigarette factory built by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte. Ltd. was held Sept. 12 in the Pyinmabin Industrial Zone, in the presence of Managing Director Brig-Gen. Win Hlaing of Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd. and Chairman Mr. Graham Bell of Rothmans Myanmar Holdings Pte. Ltd.; also speaking was Production Manager Mr. Mike Ong. The joint venture has a capital of US\$ 6.2 million to make cigarettes for domestic consumption and export. Its first brand is London King Size "which matches the very best of international quality." (NLM 9/15)

Sept. 19: TV relay stations were inaugurated Sept. 18 in Bogale Township, and Sept. 14 in Labutta Township, both in Ayeyawady Division. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 28: A Souvenir Shop of the Yangon Division Emporium Cooperative Syndicate No. 3 Ltd. opened in the Cooperatives Department building. (NLM 9/29)

Sept. 29: The new building of the State Lottery Directorate was inaugurated at the corner of Maha Bandoola and 37th Streets, Yangon. (NLM 9/30)

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(NLM 9/16)

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Foreign Investment Projects

Sept. 7: Myanma Port Authority, represented by Managing Director U Tin Oo, and C & P Holdings Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Group Managing Director Mr. Loi Kai Meng, signed a contract for second-phase construction of a container terminal and bridge at Thilawa Port, on a build, operate, and transfer basis. The first-phase contract was signed June 28, under which C & P will complete two container terminals in two years, operate them for 25 years, and transfer them to the Port Authority; a bridge will be built in 14 months. The second-phase will be completed in three years, on the same terms. A dinner celebrated the signing. (NLM 9/8)

Sept. 12: The second batch of four, out of 14 vessels worth US\$ 30 million, built under the agreement between Inland Water Transport and Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation were handed over by YMIEC Chairman Mr. Wu Wen Kuan. Five vessels were delivered in January 1995, and the remainder will arrive by the end of this year. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt inspected the triple-decker Pyi Myanmar-2, which is 48.5 metres long and can carry 30 tons of cargo and 36 first-class, 20 second-class, 48 third-class, and 270 ordinary passengers. The triple-decker Panmawady-1 and 2, 46 metres long, can carry 60 tons of cargo as well as 32 first-, 20 second-, and 60 third-class passengers, with 16 crew. The double-decker Bala Kyaw Htin is 45 metres long and can carry 30 tons of cargo and 250 passengers (24 in first class), with 12 crew. The triple-deckers will cruise the Chindwin and Ayeyawady Rivers, and the double-decker waterways up to Pyay. (NLM 9/13)

Sept. 13: Managing Director U Phone Maung Maung of Myanmar Venture Pte. Ltd. and Executive Vice-President Mr. Lee Weng Kee of Amara International Singapore signed a hotel management contract under which Amara International Hotels and Resorts will build a 15-storey, 292-room, 4-star hotel in Mayangon Township, to be completed in three years. (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 15: The Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, represented by Director-General Lt-Col. Khin Maung Lat, and Wiseland Investment (Myanmar) Ltd., represented by Mr. Low Wai Chee, a registered company of the Strait Steamship Land Ltd. of Singapore, signed a contract for the construction of the Sedona Hotel, Mandalay. The 300-room, international class hotel will be built on the corner of 26th and 66th Streets, at a cost of \$ 33.5 million, all provided by the company, for completion in 1998. Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba spoke, noting that an agreement had been signed for the Sedona Yangon Hotel in November 1993 with Straits Greenfield Ltd., another subsidiary of Strait Steamship Land Ltd., which is a part of the Singapore Keppel Group. Now the Sedona Mandalay Hotel is to be built. (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 29: A contract was signed between the Directorate of Hotel and Tourism, represented by Director-General Lt-Col. Khin Maung Lat, and Hopeson Myanmar Company Ltd., represented by Chairman Mr. Toshio Yoneda, a part of the Singapore-based Hopeson Pacific Pte. Ltd. of Japan, for construction of the Yangon Commercial Tower on Sule Pagoda Road, with "cent-per-cent foreign investment." According to Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, Mr. Yoneda had offered US\$ 1 million premium for use of the site, and agreed to pay US\$ 24 per year per square meter of builtup area, without deducting for the nonrental area of the building. The tower will be completed in 24 months as an International Class Office Building. A dinner was held at the Strand Hotel to celebrate the signing. (NLM 9/30)

Business Courses

Aug. 31: Course No. 1 for Graduate Personnel of the Ministry of Trade concluded, and was addressed by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. 38 trainees attended the 14-week course, "aimed at promoting the ability of graduate under-40 personnel of the ministry to actively discharge assigned duties and producing new generation of skilled

personnel." (NLM 9/1)

Sept. 3: Hotel Operation Advanced Course, conducted by Hotel Cherry and Bright Brothers Hotel and Trade Services Enterprise concluded, attended by various officials. 35 trainees attended. (NLM 9/4)

Sept. 6: Seminar on Business Education No. 40 was held at the Ministry of Trade; Adviser U Mya Oo of the Myanma Foreign Trade Bank spoke on Letters of Credit. Next lecture, Sept. 20. (NLM 9/7)

Sept. 25: Tourist Guide Basic Course No. 2/95 of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism will open on Oct. 9. (NLM 9/26)

Sept. 25: A banking seminar jointly sponsored by the Central Bank of Myanmar and Maybank of Malaysia opened, and was addressed by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. Maybank representative Mr. Ng Thian Watt also spoke. 51 bank personnel are attending. (NLM 9/ 26)

Sept. 26: Export and Import Procedure Course No. 3, a one-month course attended by 77 trainees, concluded and was addressed by Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 9/27)

Banking

Sept. 11: President Mr. Massaki Ikeuchi of JCB (International) signed an agreement with Managing Director U Hla Thein of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank for using the JCB (International) Credit Card in Myanmar. American Express, Master, Visa, and Diners Club cards are already in use. (NLM 9/12)

Agriculture

Sept. 4: Speaking to Tatmadaw Agricultural Course No. 25/95, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung "said the government is making efforts to achieve rapid progress in the agricultural sector where maximum profit is ensured for the shortest possible time with minimum investment." 146 Tatmadawmen are attending the 14-week course. (NLM 9/5)

Housing

Sept. 13: Speaking at the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt "said that the total volume of projects completed, under implementation and to be implemented for upgrading almost all the suburban areas in making Yangon possess characteristics of a capital is very large. In the first phase of the project for the capital, people without houses of their own in the city have been systematically settled in newly established towns, he explained. In the second phase, he said, arrangements are being made to be able to settle people without houses of their own in newly built apartment buildings under the hut-to-apartment settlement system.... Moreover, as the settlement system helps contribute to creating fitting characteristics for the capital and provides common welfare and pleasure, the majority of people are desirous of it, he remarked, adding it provides direct benefits to the people without houses of their own and also sense of security for their life.... If the system incurs losses for some people, coordination is to be made so they will not suffer more, he reminded the officials." Housing, housing development, and business complex projects listed. (NLM 9/14)

Transport

Sept. 14: Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein discussed maintenance of the Yangon-Mandalay railroad, saying "passengers do not feel easy as the coaches bounce, sway and thrust backward and forward" and he called for completion of maintenance by Dec. 1996. (NLM 9/15)

Tourism

Sept. 20: A coordination meeting was held concerning reopening of the Kanthaya Resort in Gwa Township, Rakhine State, and the Chaungtha Beach Resort in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Division, and

was addressed by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. He "said the Kanthaya Resort in Gwa Township was inaugurated on 24 March 1995. There were visitors after the opening, he said, adding the resort will be reopened in the open season at the end of monsoon. He spoke of the need...to take preparatory measures for smooth transport, sufficient power supply, drinking water supply, smooth communications, transport, accommodation, and renovation and cleanliness of buildings there for comfort and convenience of the visitors. Similarly, he said, necessary preparations should be made at Chaungtha Beach so that the resort could be reopened in the open season." (NLM 9/ 21)

Border Areas

Sept. 22: Speaking to the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt spoke, inter alia, about international assistance in border development:

"Concerning assistance from abroad and international organizations, he said Japan will provide agricultural equipment valued at 1,000 million under its 2KR programme for increased production of food in border areas.

"Community Development Project, undertaken with UNDP assistance since 1993 for Kokang, Wa and Kengtung East Region, is now successful and under the project, services for education, health, tapping water from springs, food production, disease prevention and augmentation of income could be carried out and courses on mechanization, mechanics, electronics, carpentry and sewing could be opened.

"Under the UNDP plans, QUIPS or small-scale Quick Implementation Projects are being undertaken in Pinchin and Rakhine regions and similar projects are slated for Kokang and Wa regions.

"Concerning a Myanmar-China project undertaken with UNDCP, he said machines have been provided for building Mongyang-Hsilu-Namlan road and seasonal and perennial crops will be cultivated as opium substitutes for forward agricultural camps have been opened...." (NLM 9/23)

New 500 Kyat Banknote

Sept. 29: The Central Bank of Myanmar will issue a new 500 kyat banknote on Oct. 19, containing a new SPW microprint security thread. This will not affect the legal tender status of the existing 500 kyat note issued on Mar. 27, 1994. (NLM 9/30)

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:

Sept. 1:	72.40	70.94	74.13
Sept. 15:	86.97	84.41	83.54
Sept. 30:	91.06	89.49	89.80

HEALTH

Health Articles

Sept. 19: Centennial of the discovery of X-rays, by Dr. Kyaw Myint (Radiology). [History reviewed. The Radiological Section of the Myanmar Medical Association will hold a Myanmar Radiological

Conference in November 1995.]

Sept. 21-23: Attending to maternal and child care, by Pe Kan Gaung. [(1) Anecdotal story about the special labour ward in the Central Women's Hospital, where by paying a deposit of K 5,600, a pregnant woman can insure seven day's hospitalization to give birth plus 12 pre-delivery checkups. "This is for those who can afford. It is not that every patient of this hospital has to pay this amount.... Maternal and child care Centres and Township Health Centres in Yangon are taking care of the pregnant women free of charge. At the time of birth also, they will be admitted to the Central Women's Hospital or Township People's Hospital free of charge. More information on maternity care in Myanmar. (2) Information on the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. (3) More on MMCWA.]

Health Information System

Aug. 31: Speaking to officials, Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt noted that Myanmar was the first among Asian nations to introduce, July 1, 1995, the Health Management Information System (HMIS), "to collect systematically data on accomplishments of health projects and health care, to review health situation regionwise and to bring forward priority problems, to be applied in drawing detailed projects for respective regions and to be applied in work supervisory." (NLM 9/1)

New Military Hospital

Sept. 18: No. 3 Military Hospital (100 beds) was inaugurated in Indaing, Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 9/19)

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Sept. 9: South-East Asian Games and Myanmar, by Kyaw Swe Aung. ["Sports personnel selected to take part in the XVIII SEA Games to be held in Chiangmai in Thailand must have a firm determination to raise the Myanmar national flag ever more higher."]

Myanmar Teams and Officials

Aug. 31: Myanmar cyclists won two silver and one bronze medal in the Perlis Open Asian Cycling Tournament in Malaysia. The team came in second in the 100-kilometre team race. Khin Soe Htay took silver in the women's 40-kilometre, and Mi Thuza Kywe bronze in the women's 10-kilometre. Six teams from Myanmar, Brunei, Singapore, and Malaysia took part. The team returned to Myanmar Aug. 30. (NLM 9/1)

Sept. 18: A Myanmar golf team headed by Director of Technical Services U Aung Kyi left for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to participate in the Sept. 20-23 35th South-East Asia Amateur Golf Tournament. Golfers are Myin Thaung, Soe Soe (a) Soe Kyaw Naing, Soe Win Htet (a) Soe Win, Aung Zaw Moe, and John Nay Lin. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 21: A Myanmar team led by Vice-President U Tin Maung Swe of the Myanmar Body-Building and Physical Culture Federation left for Singapore to participate in the first South-East Asian Body-Building Championships. Members are Federation EC member U Aung Su as Manager and General Secretary U Soe Win as Secretary and team members Tun Tun Aung (Army), Khaing Lin (Navy), Tun Lwin (Navy), Aung Naing (YCDC), and Win Lwin (YU). (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 26: A Myanmar rowing team led by Vice-President Cmdr. Tun Oo (Navy) left for Singapore to participate in the Fourth South-East Asia Rowing Championships on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Members are U Myint Lwin of SPED (Manager), U Ye Min (coach for men), Daw May Tharaphi (coach for ladies), and rowers Cpl. Zaw Lwin Tun, Thein Win, Kyaw Tun, Thet Naing, Zeyar Lin, Htay Htay, Tin Tin Myint, Zarchi Win Thein, Leh Leh Thant, Kyu Kyu Win, Khin Khin Gyi, and Thet Thet Myint. They will participate in five events: single sculls, double sculls, coxless pairs, coxless fours, and junior single sculls. (NLM 9/27)

Foreign Teams, Coaches, etc.

Sept. 19: Development Officer Mr. Leonardo Snelleman of the International Tennis Federation called on President of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. He also spoke at the opening of an ITF sponsored Workshop for Tennis Instructors, attended by 25 participants. (NLM 9/20)

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Sept. 1: They named her Aye Chan May, by KUM (MTE). [Elephant baby born Aug. 13 at the Hlawgar National Park. Information on the breeding of elephants. "Capturing wild elephants has stopped in the Union of Myanmar since 1994 and the Ministry of Forestry has now encouraged to improve breeding of logging elephants under captivity."]

Sept. 3: Education sector for the new modern state, by Khaing Lwin. [Programs to modernize education.]

Sept. 3: Traits to be handed down through generations, by K. Myitzu. [Yangon University Diamond Jubilee meeting on Aug. 13 celebrated.]

Sept. 20: The Second Age of Silent Movies, by Pe Than. [Though the first Myanmar talkies date from 1933, from 1946-52 most Myanmar movies were still produced as silent films, because local cinemas after the War did not have sound projection facilities. Music troupes often provided music, singing, and even dialogue to accompany the film. Silent movies featured stunts and the supernatural, and were based on romances and legends. In the early fifties, however, the film industry switched to talkies, and the old silent film tradition died out.]

Publications

Sept. 26: Myanma Insurance will publish a magazine on the insurance industry, called Mudita, "also aiming to entertain readers other than offering information." (NLM 9/27)

Universities and Institutes

Sept. 29: The third Convocation of Taunggyi University was held Sept. 28-29, with Rector Dr. Hla Myint awarding degrees to 146 Arts and 166 Science Graduates. (NLM 9/30)

Yangon University Diamond Jubilee

[Numerous articles concerning meetings of old students and other activities in honor of the Jubilee were published through the month, some of them addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who is Patron of the Jubilee Celebrating Leading Committee.]

Sept. 2: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt attended a get-together of old and new students. Old Yangon University day students met. (NLM 9/3)

Sept. 9: The foundations were laid for Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and others. (NLM 9/10)

Religion

[There were regular small articles on donations, and voluntary labour, for the Tooth Relic Pagodas under construction in Yangon and Mandalay.]

Ode to the "Side-car"

Sept. 4: Editorial: High regard for the lowly 'side-car' [full text].

[Note: The "side-car" (generally pronounced sy-cah), for those not familiar with Burma, is a bicycle with an attached sidecar, on which two passengers can sit, back to back, serving as an inexpensive

taxicab throughout Myanmar. There are two basic designs; one in Patheingyi and neighboring townships, the other throughout the rest of Burma. In addition, in one township just south of Rangoon, we noted a unique version, in which the two passengers ride side-by-side, both facing forward. "Side-cars" in Moulmein (now Mawlamyine) are distinguished by fancy shiny brass decorations. We could not resist reprinting the following editorial in full! -- HCMacD.

[When the rickshaws disappeared from Yangon's streets and those of other towns big and small, the 'side-car' came into prominence. Like the goat being called the poor man's cow, the 'side-car' was everyman's taxi. Call it a trishaw, but the third wheel qualifies it to be a car of sorts.

For those too burdened or weary to walk, those dressed up and unable to hazard trudging along some distance, vendors who must haul their goods to market somehow, or parents who have to trust their children in the care of someone worthy, the 'side-car' is the thing to rely on. And the 'side-car saya' keeps good company.

The man who earns his living pedaling, depending on 'foot-power' and his stamina, earns the affix 'saya', for in this country, we are not too grudging to lend such an honorific to a handyman whose trade caters much for our convenience.

Who would argue he is not a master of his art? -- that of finding short-cuts if a passenger were in a hurry, cutting pedaling time as well as that which might be wasted by the fare if he were to take an old or prescribed route.

Taxis of various descriptions may come and go, but the 'side-car' goes on forever. For it is the most convenient and perhaps comparably still the most economic form of transportation, speaking taxi-wise.

In metropolitan areas like Yangon's downtown, the 'side-cars' are out-of-bounds to some sections. Place in the category 'slow-moving vehicles' -- in the same class as push-carts big and small -- they are restricted from plying in certain areas where motor traffic is heavy, for their own safety.

In no way would a 'side-car-saya' break the law. He would simply bend it. For instance, he is not allowed to pedal into a one-way street against the traffic. Yet the rule does not stop him from pushing his vehicle, with a couple of passengers coyly pretending their man is doing the right thing, the 'wrong' way into a street.

Vegetable-vendors and fish-mongers commute from home to market and vice-versa in a 'side-car'. They even have their own choice hired on a monthly basis. The same goes with parents to whom the 'side-car' is the children's school-bus, with personalised care thrown in.

Tourists like riding around in those three-wheel contraptions. Unhindered by any roof or similar fringe on top, they enjoy the sights, plus the novel jaunt available only hereabouts.

And, if a 'Perspective' writer runs out of other subjects, the 'side-car' is a not-so-lowly haven.]

Anyeint Competition

Sept. 2: The Myawady Anyeint Competition, sponsored by the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence, began at the National Theatre, in the presence of Patron SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and his wife Dr. Khin Win Shwe and many high officials.

SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo spoke, saying "that it was a day of significance in the history of Myanmar culture and performing arts.... Speaking of figurines of ancient dancers, musicians and comedians excavated from old Pyu towns in Myanmar, he said there was firm historical evidence that indicates flourishing of singing, playing of instruments and dancing in high standard in Pyu era. He also spoke of murals and ancient sculptures...in Bagan period and of improvement in composing of poem, verse and song. Speaking of the origin of the word 'Anyeint' in the First Innwa Period, he said Anyeint means 'being melodious, gentle and supple.' Anyeint artistes who emerged in Bagan, Innwa, Toungoo and Hanthawady Periods were

recognized as court performers.... He said Anyeint was later transformed from court entertainment to public entertainment and flourishing of plays in Konbaung Period. He explained the origin of the word 'Anyeint Thabin' adopted in later Konbaung Period and Yadanabon Period, marionette theatre known in Yadanabon period as Amyint Thabin and Anyeint Thabin as Anyeint Thabin....

"He also spoke of the use of Western musical instruments and electronic devices at Anyeint performances, saying it is magnificent that present dancers, comedians and musicians still retain regal attire. Although development of the art of Anyeint performances was saturated in 1960s, original styles and features of Anyeint Thabin began to disappear with the intrusion of Western culture and late-night performance of stage-shows, magic shows, circus and modern plays at Anyeint, he said.

"He said the number of Anyeint troupes had diminished in 1980s and Anyeint artistes suffered hardship with instability of their life, transferring them from one profession to another due to its waning popularity.

"He also said Anyeint Thabin is now near extinction and on the verge of being totally eclipsed by counter-cultures, he said and spoke of State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe's guidance to hold the competition for upgrading social life of Anyeint artistes with objectives: uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character; uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit; uplift of the life of Anyeint artistes; and, presenting true Myanmar traditional Anyeint performance through Myawady Television.

"He spoke of the plan to present awards, like Academy awards in Myanmar Motion Pictures and National Literary Awards, to outstanding artistes by holding the competition every year and said Myawady Anyeint Awards will be the highest in Anyeint Thabin...."

Performances were then given by:

-- Shwe Nay Kyar troupe of Eastern Command with dancers Nang Mon Aye and Muya Win and comedians Paukkhaw, Hotel, Shwe Kyawt, and Wa Pwint;

-- Shwelamin troupe of Yangon Command with dancers Khine Thazin Thinn and Saw Thanda and comedians Eya, Kyaw Htoo, Khin Hline, and Dat San. (NLM 9/3)

Sept. 3: Performing were:

-- Shaw Hintha troupe of South-East Command with dancers Khin Onmar and Nyo Nyo Hsan and comedians Win Wa, Pwint Kaung, Sein Thonlon, and Hintha;

-- Hintha Shwe troupe of Southern Command with dancers Wa Wa Theint and Moe, and comedians Chit San Maung, Metta Maung, Eik Than Maung, and Moe Win Maung. (NLM 9/3-4)

Sept. 4: Performing were:

-- Thiri Zeyar troupe of Northern Command with dancers Thwe Thwe Win and Kay Khaing Nge, and comedians Yan Aung, Par Par Lay, Oway, and Wantu;

-- Lamin Tayar troupe of Central Command with dancers Htay Htay Myint and Yi Yi Naing, and comedians Htin Kyaw, Paw Hsan, Thaw Htan, and Tet Toe. (NLM 9/4-5)

Sept. 5: Performing were:

-- Aunglandaw troupe of Northern Command with dancers Mar Mar Thi and The Su Hlaing, and comedians Thabye Gyar Aye, Myo Chit, Thauk Kyar, and Superman;

-- Myanan Ayeyar troupe from South-West Command with dancers Myint Myint Kyi and Thanda Lin, and comedians Moe Di, Moss, Tein Nyunt, and Pisi. (NLM 9/5-6)

Sept. 6: Performing were:

-- Man troupe of Southern Command, with dancers Kaytu Kyi and Kaytu Mya Thazin, and comedians Datshin, Sunny, Paw Lin, and Nauk Toe;

-- Yenatha troupe of Central Command with dancers Mai San Nyein and Mya Than Sein, and comedians Chit Moe, Ni Than, One Hset,

and Chitsaya. (NLM 9/6-7)

Sept. 7: Performing were:

-- Myayadana troupe of South-West Command with dancers Khin Thida and Hla Hla Than, and comedians Swe Zon Win, Maw Gye, Ta Wa Win, and Pwint Kyaw;

-- Mawkeinnari troupe of North-East Command with dancers Nang Wut Yi and Khin Mar Kyi, and comedians Kyauk Ni, Kyaw Lin, Ngwe Khe, and Thein Dan. (NLM 9/7-8)

Sept. 7: Performers were:

-- Laywady troupe of Western Command with dancers Khaing Khaing Win and Kyarlay Sein, and comedians Supra, Manwin, Aung Man, and Pyarlaung;

-- Taingshwewei troupe of South-East Command with dancers Ayemisan and Latt Latt Moe, and comedians Pyint Lin, Pawlar, Thar Cho, and Pan Pwint. (NLM 9/8-9)

Sept. 9: Performers were:

-- Shwewa Phu troupe of Yangon Command with dancers Ma Aye Aye Maw and Ma Sein Poe Ti, and comedians U Nyein Chan, Thadu, Chit San Mang, and Ngwe Moe;

-- Pyithu Myitta Shwe Yadana troupe of Central Command with dancers Ma Yu Wady and Ma Yu Yu Sein, and comedians U Kyaw Kyar, Tet Toe, San Pwint Aung, and Win Aung. (NLM 9/9-10)

Sept. 10: Performers were:

-- Shwe Myint Mo troupe of Yangon Command with dancers Ni Ni Myint and Boke Hsone Ma, and comedians Chit Saya, Myitta, Pein Pein, and Paw Lay;

-- Thit Lwin troupe of Central Command with dancers Ma Hlaing Nu and Ma Myint Myint Than, and comedians Dipa, Chit Saya, Pwint Lan, and Myan Lin. (NLM 9/10-11)

Sept. 11: Performers were:

-- Shwe Khittaya troupe of Southern Command with dancers Zin Moe Aye and Ekari May, and comedians Shwe Moe, Shwin Pyaw, San Kyaw, and Moe Kyaw. The Competition concluded. (NLM 9/11-12)

Sept. 13: 374 members of 19 Anyeint troupes went sightseeing in Yangon, and donated money to the Shwedagon Pagoda. (NLM 9/14)

Sept. 14: Prizes were awarded: First - Myanan Aya troupe of South-West Command; Second - Pyithu Myitta Shwe Yadana troupe of Central Command; Third - Shwe Lamin troupe of Yangon Command. SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo noted that each troupe "depicted anti-imperialist sentiments based on Konbaung period Anyeint history and independence struggle," and that "some troupes...portrayed the role of the Tatmadaw which safeguarded independence and...some...employed their skills in reflecting performance of the State Law and Order Restoration Council..." (NLM 9/15)

Documentary Films

Sept. 17: The colour documentary The Making of the Nation (Politics), Parts I, II and III, produced by Documentary Films of the Motion Pictures Enterprise, Ministry of Information, is now being screened. "The film features efforts for political stability by the State Law and Order Restoration Council since September 18, 1988, mutual understanding and cooperation among national brethren for emergence of a modern, developed nation, goodwill visits of leaders of neighbouring countries and heads of state and other high ranking officials and measures for achieving political, economic and social objectives." To be screened later are The Making of the Nation (Economic), (Social), (Border Areas), and National Prosperity Through Agricultural Development. (NLM 9/17)

Sept. 21: The documentary Towards National Development (Taing-gyo-pyipyuh Doh-sheshu), featuring border development since 1988, will be show beginning Sept. 22. (NLM 9/22)

Computer Education

Sept. 18: Basic Computer Instructor Course No. 1/95 for Basic Education Teachers opened at the Institute of Computer Science and Technology, and was addressed by Chairman of the Myanmar Education

Committee SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt.

He said the Ministry of Education is "now planning and arranging to install computers at the high schools in states and divisions all over the country, and in all middle schools in the second phase. He noted that it is rather difficult to install computers in all basic education schools all at once and that the Government installs as many as it can and wellwishers and donors have to cooperate and contribute to this task. The Government will install one computer in each of the high schools in the cities of states and divisions and two more computers have to be installed with the contributions of parents and wellwishers, he said. He said priority must be given to the schools which get sufficient electricity, and computers will be installed at the schools in the capital cities of states and divisions, district cities and township cities step by step and at the middle schools in the second phase.

"Though some schools are not included in computer installation project at present, they are allowed to install on self-reliance if they are willing to do so, he said. He said that in some schools, courses are being conducted for pupils after opening computer units, speaking of contributions of parents and wellwishers in cooperation with township authorities, township education officers and school heads. He emphasized that it is an honourable deed of parents and the public to fulfil the requirements of the schools and that all schools must observe the rule that they are not allowed to install computers after collecting funds from pupils.

"According to statistics, 164 computers and 185 printers have been installed at 72 schools all over the country at present, and it is estimated that computers will have been installed at over 100 schools by the end of the 1995-96 academic year...."

60 teachers from basic education schools and teacher training schools are attending the 1-month course. (NLM 9/19)

Sept. 19: Apple Macintosh Computer Course of Cooperatives Stores Syndicate No. 1 concluded, with a speech from Managing Director Ms. Robin Abrams of Apple Asia. She distributed diplomas, along with Vice President Mr. Samit Roy of Apple Asia and others. 158 trainees took the one-month course. (NLM 9/20)

News Policy

Sept. 22: Addressing Journalism Course No. 6 of the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw gave guidelines for news to be reported by the press, radio, or television.

"They [the trainees] will now understand the magnitude of journalism, which is to gather, edit and print in time daily internal and world events, subjects, on which the Government wishes to inform the public, and matters to educate or organize the public, to be issued in the next morning newspapers, he said.

"[He] stressed accuracy and correctness in writing news, warning them against printing what is not fully factual which is tantamount to committing a crime as newspapers will become historical research.

"News in the papers in Myanmar is in accord with the principles, which [he] said, must be natural, correct and precise and should not affect any individual...."

"He expressed his unhappiness at seeing certain foreign papers writing and slanting news, ignoring Myanmar's developments and belittling her true efforts.

"Myanmar continues to follow her own path, without losing [sic] adherence to observe rules of conduct although whoever breaks [sic], he declared, saying the country is marching toward its designated goal, with patriotism as basis.

"[He] urged them to always keep in mind that news for papers, radio and television must be strictly in line with the media principles of the State Law and Order Restoration Council...."

Among the 34 trainees were Tatmadawmen and police. (NLM 9/23)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Sept. 3,10,18,24: Text of "Our Three Main National Causes. List of Special Projects (6 bridges and 12 dams). Further List of Special Projects (11). [They frequently appeared, also, on weekdays, in connection with economic articles hailing the upcoming anniversary of the SLORC] For texts see January issue. -- Seven National Convention Slogans. For texts see April issue.

Sept. 3,10,24: Towards a modern nation through all-round development, by Warazein. [Cont. Achievements of Yangon City Development Committee. (iv) Markets, parks, sports facilities, rock and brickworks. Restoration of Law and Order accomplishments of the Tatmadaw. (i) 14 armed organizations have returned to the legal fold since 1988. Survey of Tatmadaw military operations. (ii) Defence Services Museum. Tatmadaw public works projects. Stipends for children of veterans: K 696,120 to 1,334 students in 1991-92; K 745,740 to 1,489 students in 1992-93; K 2,101,680 {number of students not mentioned} in 1993-94; and K 2,286,420 in 1994-95.]

Sept. 3: Chensu-Mayflower plywood mill; biggest of its kind, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Biggest in Myanmar; investments of US\$ 10 million.]

-- Thamekku Reservoir in Central Myanmar, by Khin Maung Than (Set-hmu). [It will irrigate 3,700 acres of land and 5,400 acres of crops around Taungthar Township in Mandalay Division.]

-- A regional programme for industrial and agricultural development, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Farm mechanization policy which "calls for making available to farmers smaller farm machines and do the mechanical services themselves," instead of having the State provide "mechanical services on hire." July 20 Seminar on the subject recalled.]

-- Forests save rainwaters and lay golden eggs, by Sagawa. [Visit to Forestry Department projects in Paukkhaung Township near Pyay.]

-- Pa-O region development: A visit to Kyauktalon village, by Than Wai. [Visit to Pa-O village near Taunggyi on Aug. 5.]

Sept. 10: Safety measures at hotels and public buildings for Visit Myanmar Year, by Aung Soe Win. [New hotels, etc., have been equipped with fire detection and suppression equipment, and a full range of safety equipment.]

-- Hlaingthayar for physical and mental well-being, by Thura Nyunt. [Progress in the township.]

-- A day of joy and happiness, by Shwe Nagar Tin Win. [Private entrepreneurs producing farm machinery.]

-- Historic Bagan ready for Visit Myanmar Year, by Khayan Soe Myint. [Much progress. The Thiripissaya [sic] Hotel is to be transferred to private hands. Pagodas being refurbished and repaired. Wiremesh is being put up to protect mural paintings. Maps and signs are being prepared.]

-- Kuming Trade Fair of our kinsmen, by U Thein Aung (Bandoola). [August trade fair in Kuming [sic], China.]

Sept. 18: The Tatmadaw never betrays the national cause, by Min Kyaw Min. [Worthy record of the Tatmadaw.]

-- Three pages of photos showing SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe inspecting various projects, plus the following slogans:

In all aspects of human endeavours, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has worked consistently towards national reconciliation.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council since its assumption of duties of State has made considerable strides contributing to improvement of the quality of life throughout the country as documented on these pages.

Since it took up the duties of State in response to the prevailing situation, to safeguard the nation in the face of great danger, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has been bringing peace and stability, due to the Tatmadaw's noble cetana and joint

endeavours with the people.

Tatmadawmen, from the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe on down to the rankers, have devoted consistently towards the benefit of all citizens.

Tatmadawmen, from the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe down to the rankers, have made endeavours for national solidarity and development.

Sept. 24: Building a dyke along Hlaing river bank, by Maung Htat Wah. [Flood control.]

-- Ahtet Minhla begins using firewood substitutes, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [Use in Ahtet Minhla Township in Magway Division.]

-- Beautiful town of Hlaingbon has developed, by Mawgyun Myint Aung. [Ancient town in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division.]

-- Namtit new town of border area, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [New town near Kunlon in Shan State. "Introduction of rubber and other crops to replace poppy cultivation is meeting with success."]

-- Kyauktada monsoon paddy harvesting demonstrations, by Tin Ohn Maung. [Agricultural progress.]

Crime

Sept. 20: Several wrongdoers were arrested in Mandalay for producing counterfeit cassette covers, and the matter has been reported to the Myanmar Music Asiayon. (NLM 9/21)

Sept. 28: Military intelligence on Sept. 16-17 foiled an effort to smuggle 3,103 viss of jade out of the country in three trucks, via Lashio and Muse. (NLM 9/29)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Sept. 2: 0.8 kilo of heroin was seized Aug. 10 in Hoping village near Mohnyin. 0.5 kilo of raw opium was seized Aug. 26 in near Kaungkha. (NLM 9/3)

Sept. 4: 5.6 kilos of opium were seized Aug. 21 in Hopang Township. 0.03 kilo of heroin was seized Aug. 22 in Mansi Township. 140 bottles of Phensedyl were seized Aug. 22 in Monywa. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 13: During August 1995, the Tatmadaw seized 0.04 kilo of heroin, 0.2 kilo of opium, and 9 litres of Phensedyl. The police seized 2.2 kilos of heroin (148 cases), 34.2 kilos of opium (32 cases), 9.3 kilos of marijuana (38 cases), 138.0 litres of Phensedyl (26 cases), and 0.7 kilo of heavy opium solution (1 cases). There were 123 cases of failure to register for treatment, and 1 other drug-related case. The police took action against 518 persons in 369 drug-related cases. Police and the Tatmadaw working together seized 2.0 kilos of heroin (13 cases), 23.6 kilos of opium (5 cases), and 58.5 litres of Phensedyl (3 cases). (NLM 9/ 14)

Sept. 14: 12.2 kilos of raw opium were seized on a train at Shwebo. (NLM 9/15)

Sept. 19: 0.01 kilo of opium block, 0.7 kilo of opium oil, and 0.8 kilo of opium residue were seized in Kutkai on Sept. 6. 4.2 kilos of opium were seized Sept. 7 on a trawler in Mohnyin Township. (NLM 9/20)

Sept. 20: 5.6 kilos of heroin were seized Sept. 14 in Mohnyin. 1.1 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 8 in Taunggyi. (NLM 9/21)

Sept. 22: 36.6 kilos of raw opium were seized Sept. 16 in Kutkai Township. 0.02 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 21 in Mandalay. 0.02 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 10 in Aungmyaya Township, Mandalay. 1.8 kilos of raw opium were seized Sept. 17 in Pyin-Oo-Lwin Township. (NLM 9/23)

Sept. 26: 46 bottles of Phensedyl were seized July 7 in Yathetaung Township [Rakhine]. 0.3 kilo of heroin, plus K 20,000, was seized Sept. 16 in South Okkalapa Township [Yangon]. 4.6 kilos of heroin were seized Sept. 17 in Mohnyin. (NLM 9/27)

Sept. 27: 1.6 kilos of heroin were seized Sept. 10 in Lashio on a Muse-Mandalay bus. 0.5 kilo of heroin was seized Sept. 21 near Lashio. (NLM 9/28)

Sept. 28: 4.6 kilos of raw opium were seized Sept. 19 in Hopang village. (NLM 9/ 29)

Articles on Narcotics

Sept. 8: Myanmar drug abuse control programme, by Aung Moe Hein. [Historical survey.]

Sept. 21: Meting out deterrent punishment to drug traffickers found guilty beyond reasonable doubt, by KMO. [Supreme Court overturned an acquittal, and sentenced a defendant to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of K 50,000 or additional 3 years.]

Obituaries

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

Aug. 16: Eve Gaudoin died in London of heart failure, aged 88. (NLM 9/9)

Aug. 31: Absalom Joseph, BA, Zonal Manager (Retd), Salt Industries Corp., husband of Daw Regina Lay Sein, died in Pathein, aged 73. [Christian] (NLM 9/2)

Sept. 2: Daw Katherine Khin Khin (a) Mai Kha Kway, former Principal, St. Mary's Diocesan Girls' High School, former Headmistress, Pabedan State High School No. 1, former President of YWCA (Myanmar), died in Yangon, aged 87. [Anglican] (NLM 9/4) // Sept. 4: Biographic article. (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 2: Joseph Nacoda, The New Light of Myanmar, died in Yangon, aged 48. [Christian] (NLM 9/4)

Sept. 4: Mrs. Ethel R. Roch, widow of Mr. A. Roch, died in Yangon, aged 78. [Catholic] (NLM 9/5)

Sept. 5: Mr. P Malakar of Pathein, husband of Shanti Devi, died in Yangon, aged 71. [Hindu] (NLM 9/6)

Sept. 6: Maung Khine Tun, son of U Tin Tun (Rtd. editor, Loketha Pyithu Nezin Daily), died in Kuala Lumpur, aged 33. (NLM 9/8,20)

Sept. 15: Mr. Boni David, Retd. Technician, IM 1, husband of Mrs. B. Elizabeth David, died in Yangon, aged 62. [Christian] (NLM 9/16)

Sept. 16: U Khin Maung Aye, Director (rtd), Company Registration Office, Ministry of Trade, husband of Daw Khin Khin Su, died in Yangon, aged 63. (NLM 9/18)

Sept. 21: U Myo Min, Rtd. Professor of English, husband of Daw Khin Thin Nwe, died in Yangon, aged 86. (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 21: K. B. Ahmed, Retd. Missionary in Charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Yangon, died in Yangon [no age given]. [Muslim] (NLM 9/22)

Sept. 27: Naw Primrose Ah Nyo, Council of State Office (rtd), relict of Saw Ah Nyo, died in Yangon, aged 75. [Christian] (NLM 9/28)

Floods

[Flood warnings for principal Myanmar rivers continued through the month]

Sept. 27: Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, acting on behalf of Union Solidarity and Development Association, arrived in Wuntho Sept. 26 "to donate cash for the people of inundated areas of Wuntho and Kawlin Townships. Director-General U Saw Thein of the Relief and Resettlement Department "presented rice, blankets, aluminium utensil, longyi and clothing, six items of goods, cash for repairing houses altogether totalling K 350,000 to the people of flooded areas." (NLM 9/28)

Model Contest

Sept. 3: In the final round of the Traditional Carrie Asian Model Search sponsored by Lux and Brut, at the Summit Park Hotel, 12 young Myanmar men and women "displayed various types of Myanmar clothing, demonstrating the diversity and wealth of Myanmar culture." Maung Kyaw Min Thu named Mr. Brut while Ma Aye Thida was crowned Miss Lux. They will travel to Singapore to attend the Asian regional finals in the Model Search later this year. (NLM 9/4)

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