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HIGHLIGHTS

- Death of General San Yu announced. [OBITUARIES]
- Union Day Message and ceremonies. [GOVERNMENT]

- "Adoption" scheme for Bagan pagodas, to pay for their renovation "to their original styles." Lists of contributors, including top officials. [CULTURAL]
- Daw Aung San Kyi denounced for questioning surrender of Khun Sa; UNDCP Executive Director accused of being "ungentlemanly for meeting secretly with her. [POLITICAL: Political Articles: "Joining hands"]

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

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.

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

Feb. 1-14: Kalena dhammasavanam, the timely discussion of the doctrines; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Feb. 15-29: Garavo ca, reverence; this is the way to auspiciousness.

The Twelve Objectives: Since July 6, 1995, each issue of NLM

has listed the Four Political, Four Economic, and Four Social Objectives of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, generally on the front page [for texts, see January 1996 issue].

Political Articles

Feb. 6: Finding solutions with computer? by Sithu Nyein Aye. [An Arab friend said that The United States uses computers to plan its activities. "The computer indicated that for the United States to regain their leadership role, it must create and launch a limited war in the Middle East which is the centre of the world's oil resources. Thus, the United States inveigled Iraq to invade Kuwait making believe it would turn a blind eye to Iraq's invasion. When Iraq, believing this to be true invaded Kuwait, the United States launched the Gulf War giving as an excuse that it was doing so merely to protect world oil market interest and won the war. Thus, Japan and Europe could not help but accept the leadership of the United States of America." A friend of mine, visiting Western Europe, would have died if he had not begged his doctors to use a stethoscope instead of relying on computers. But when I visited a computer room and saw how a \$5,000 computer was used to make economic plans, "I began to repent for blaming the Arab friend as being too imaginative." The West is blocking aid to Myanmar, spreading false news and rumours, attacking Myanmar in the United Nations, trying to boycott Myanmar, etc. "Their target is to make Myanmar Naing-Ngan become poor and the people to starve and get into trouble and then to kneel down to the West and yield to their demands and to drive the country into such a situation that it would have to go round begging...." Clearly, the West doesn't understand Myanmar. There is no more fighting. "The people are in high spirits and there is never a case in which the morale of the people is low and free of happiness [sic]. The economy of the country is now at its highest peak within a few decades. Farmers...have managed to wiggle themselves out of the state of poverty and degradation." The West should forget their computers and come and see the truth. "I wish the countries in the Asia and Pacific Region to understand and be aware of the plot of the neo-colonialists to bully and rule in the region."]

Feb. 10: Pining for the West, by Byatti. [Virtues of traditional Myanmar patriotic spirit. "However, those who have taken a wrong dose of 'democracy' are saying that Myanmar Naing-Ngan is poor, there is loss in human rights, its per capita income is low, those of America and Switzerland are so and so and these talks are becoming louder and louder. On 21 January these wrong figures were incited to the 'jalaybi' allied group and began to cry out pining for the west. It was none other than the 'Akhardawpay Kaway Sayagyi U Thonnya'.... The person who belittles and ridicules own country, own race, own culture and customs must be suffering from disease of weak patriotism in him. Those who are stricken with such disease tend have [sic] the thoughts of a half-breed and it is natural for that person to become a half-breed.... The Kaway Sayagyi U Thonnya is in the habit of talking a lot of nonsense and whenever he talks he cannot refrain from mumbling things about foreign countries...." He keeps citing constitutional rights of free speech in America, though everybody knows that there are many exceptions, and lawyers in "Stokie area [sic] in northern party of Chicago City state that -- 'Individuals have right, but the community also has a right to protect itself against violence.'" Instead of "praising {America} to be a paradise," he should remember statistics from the Senate Judiciary Committee that in America 16 women are raped every six minutes, four million are battered every year, and three out of four will be victims of one violent crime during their lifetime, and that the US rape rate is 13 times higher than Britain, 4 times higher than Germany, and over 20 times higher than Japan. "If the people of Myanmar, who have a high traditional culture value come to know about this, they will surely abhor the democracy and rights which the Kaway Sayagyi U Thonnya is bestowing a lot of praises. Thus, the people will become more and more fed up with the democracy and rights which

they have promised the people and the political advantage which they are trying to gain will gradually vanish. If one begins to pine over the west more and more one will come to encounter such unthinkable experiences for sure."]

Feb. 12: Editorial: No turning back. ["When we regained our independence, internal strife spawned by the colonialists bothered us, so much so that insurgency almost swallowed up the seat of the administration, Yangon itself. Yet unity has prevailed, along with reason, whenever we faced difficult times. Today, we are different. We find peace, progress and movement toward greater prosperity and modernization. Yet we have to face reality -- that colonialism has not been totally snuffed out. There are apparent attempts to breathe life into it, the sort of resurrection that those who stink of servitude hanker for. We are no St. George, but kill the dragon we must for the consequences of not doing so would be truly hazardous. As free nationals, we tell those who seek to put the shackles on us again that Panglong sounded the death knell for colonialism. There is no turning back. No way."]

Feb. 22: Joining hands against drug menace, by Maung Ngwe Soe. ["The woman related to a person with long nose, whose alien race killed her great grandfather and her father and enslaved the race, with negative attitude and usual ill will raised a question a roadside talk in connection with the unconditional surrender and return to legal fold of U Khun Sa's MTA armed troops. She said Khun Sa was given liberty but drug offenders were in jail and asked whether they could be forgiven like Khun Sa.

"I would like to answer that question:

-- U Khun Sa is a Myanmar citizen and he has returned to the legal fold after surrendering unconditionally. The case will be dealt with according to existing laws and rules.

-- Drug offenders are serving their prison terms for committing offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. (Similar offenders will be dealt with according to the existing law.)
"

[Myanmar is under no obligation to extradite Khun Sa, since it is not bound by pre-independence extradition agreements, and not required to under UN narcotics conventions.

[United Nations Drug Control Programme Executive Director Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli visited Myanmar in February 1996. He was told that Myanmar "would take direct control of Khun Sa's opium growing area and would not cede control to drug-producing ethnic militias." However, while in Myanmar, he "stealthily met the wife of the man with the long nose at the UNDP office in the afternoon of 11 February 1996. He did so in disregard of the hospitality extended to him, without paying attention to his dignity and not in concert with his job. He then had clandestine discussions not in favour of drug control measures taken in Myanmar.... This amounts to belittling measures taken by Myanmar as a national responsibility against narcotic drugs threatening the human race. It is incompatible with the status of a gentleman. It smacks of an ungentlemanly act.

["Hence, democracy advocates of the people who are advocating ill schemes against our nation; those who regard such people as step-fathers; and those who would like to serve such people like slaves, wives or husbands do; all those traitorous axe-handles are to be notified as follows:" (series of questions blaming West for narcotics in Myanmar)....]

National Races

Feb. 1: From Jan. 12-30, Lt-Col. Than Htay and members of the Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races met with local leaders in Kokang, Wa, and Shan areas of North-West Command Area. (NLM 2/2)

Gen. Than Shwe on Tour

Feb. 2: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and many cabinet ministers,

began a tour of development projects in Central Myanmar. Flying to Bagan-NyaungU, he inspected a model vegetable farm and "construction of world class Bagan-NyaungU Golf Course," as well as the Bagan Archaeological Museum project, and the Bagan-NyaungU-Taungzin-Popa road project. He went on to Popa and visited various irrigation projects including the Yawchaung Diversion Weir in Pakokku District, returning to Bagan in the evening. [photos] (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 3: He visited various pagodas in Bagan, and attended the Htidaw hoisting ceremony at the Alodawpyi Pagoda in NyaungU. [page of photos] (NLM 2/4)

Feb. 4: He examined preservation activities in Bagan, and was briefed on the project for renovating Bagan pagodas using donations [see below under CULTURAL: Bagan Pagoda Renovation]. He also visited Kalay. [photos] (NLM 2/5)

Feb. 5: He presided at the inauguration of the 83-mile Kalay-Gangaw Railroad, a section of the 260-mile ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railway. 110 miles between ChaungU on the Mandalay-Monywa line and Zibya had already been completed. He then left for Pakokku. [two pages of photos] (NLM 2/6)

Feb. 6: On Feb. 5, he toured development projects in Pakokku, before going on to Mandalay for the night. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt inspected Mandalay projects. On Feb. 6, Senior General Than Shwe enshrined relics in the Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay), under construction on Maha Dhammayantha Hill in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division. He enshrined the relic "which is an image of the Buddha on the Gold Throne under the Bo tree, at the stage of attaining Enlightenment after winning a victory over Mara, the archangel of evil." Other high officials enshrined other relics. After the reliquary was sealed with cement, the ceremonies were closed with "blowing of conch and beating of royal drums." [page of photos] (NLM 2/7)

Feb. 7: On Feb. 6, Senior General Than Shwe visited the Kindat Diversion Dam project in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division. On completion, the 7,000 foot earth reservoir will store 62,000 acre-feet and irrigate 500,000 acres, as well as the Thaphanzeik Reservoir. In the evening SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt visited Mandalay University. On Feb. 7, Senior General Than Shwe attended the opening of the Yadanapura Myanma Arts and Crafts Beikman of the Mandalay Division Syndicate of Township Cooperatives. In the evening he returned to Yangon. [page of photos] (NLM 2/8)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Committee Meetings

Panels of Chairmen from delegates groups met to discuss the chapters on Legislature and the Executive [no mention of Judiciary], and to coordinate with leaders of paper compilation groups:

Jan. 31: Workers (NLM 2/1)

Feb. 1: Workers; Political parties; National races. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 2: State service personnel. (NLM 2/ 3)

Feb. 5: Workers; Intellectuals and intelligentsia; Political parties. (NLM 2/6)

Feb. 6: Other invited persons; Political parties; National races. (NLM 2/7)

Feb. 7: Other invited persons. (NLM 2/8)

Feb. 8: Other invited persons; Representatives-elect. (NLM 2/9)

Feb. 9: Intellectuals and intelligentsia; Other invited persons. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 13: State service personnel; Other invited persons; National races. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 14: State service personnel. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 19: National races. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 20: State service personnel; Political parties; Representatives-elect; National races. (NLM 2/21)

Feb. 21: Peasants; Intellectuals and intelligentsia; Representatives-elect. (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 22: State service personnel; Political parties. (NLM 2/23)
Feb. 23: Representatives-elect met with delegates of the
National Unity Party. (NLM 2/24)

Rallies for Convention

During the month, mass rallies supporting the National Convention continued, passing "unanimous" resolutions endorsing the Convention:

Feb. 3: 5,000 in Mingaladon Township, Yangon. (NLM 2/4)
Feb. 25: 25,000 in Sittway, Rakhine State. (NLM 2/26)

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.]

Feb. 1: German Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint, and on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, and on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung; he donated \$29,900 for tube wells in Myothit, Mandalay Division. Malaysian Ambassador Dato Abdul Wahab bin Harun called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. Norwegian Ambassador Odd Lauritz Fosseidbraaten, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin acting on behalf of SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 5: Malaysian Ambassador Dato Abdul Wahab bin Harun called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, and on Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim called on Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than. (NLM 2/6)

Feb. 6: Yugoslav Ambassador Aleksandar Babic called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung to discuss cooperation in sports. (NLM 2/7)

Feb. 7: German Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 2/8)

Feb. 8: The German Ambassador called on Minister for Immigration and Population Lt-Gen. Maung Hla. (NLM 2/9)

Feb. 9: Malaysian Ambassador Dato Abdul Wahab bin Harun called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 13: Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Korean Ambassador Jung Hwan Kim, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, on behalf of SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, and on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. Italian Ambassador Dr. Benito Volpi called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. German Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 14: British Ambassador Robert Anthony Eagelson Gordon (OBE) called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Malaysian Ambassador Dato Abdul Wahab bin Harun called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 17: Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 19: The Japanese Ambassador called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, called on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen.

Sein Aung. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 20: Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. German Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 2/21)

Feb. 21: Laotian Ambassador Ly Bounkham called on Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung. Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 23: Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi called on Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col. Pe Thein. Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. German Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Wiesner called on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung. (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 26: Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi, who has completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. UNDP Resident Representative Siba Kumar Das called on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi called on Auditor-General U Aung Khin Tint. (NLM 2/27)

Feb. 27: The Indonesian Ambassador called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. The Japanese Ambassador called on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 28: Departing Indonesian Ambassador Mochamad Sanoesi called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. (NLM 2/ 29)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

Feb. 9: The Government have agreed to the appointment of Mr. Kyung Bo Choi as new Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar. Born on Apr. 12, 1946, he graduated from Seoul University Law College and joined the Foreign Ministry in 1969. He has served in Tokyo, Chicago, Riyadh, and New York City, and was Senior Coordinator for Planning and Management at the Foreign Ministry in 1992 and Inspector-General in 1994. He is married with one son and one daughter. (NLM 2/9)

Feb. 27: The Government have agreed to the appointment of Mr. Adrian Macey as new Ambassador of New Zealand to Myanmar. Ambassador Macey was born Dec. 6, 1948 and graduated with MA(Hons) and PhD. degrees. He joined the Foreign ministry in 1975 and has served in New Zealand and in Paris, Apia (Tokelau), and Geneva. Since 1991 he has been Director of the Personnel Division in Wellington. (NLM 2/27)

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Feb. 8: Myanmar has appointed U Hla Myint Oo, now Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh, to be the new Myanmar Ambassador to South Africa. (NLM 2/8)

Feb. 14: U Wynn Lwin on Feb. 7 presented credentials in Port Louis to President Cassam Uteem as new Myanmar Ambassador to Mauritius. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 16: U Khin Nyunt on Feb. 12 presented credentials in Moscow to President Boris Nikolaevich Yeltsin as new Myanmar Ambassador to Russia. (NLM 2/16)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Projects

Feb. 13: A Regional Workshop of Eastern Asian Lacquerwork, co-sponsored by the Ministries of Culture, Education, and Cooperatives, and by UNESCO, opened, and will last for four days. Papers will be submitted from Myanmar (4), China (4), Japan (3), Vietnam (2), Germany (2), Indonesia (1), Malaysia (1), India (1), Cambodia (1), Korea (1), and Thailand (1). Myanmar papers will be given by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt of the Myanmar History Commission on Myanmar lacquerware

in historical and cultural perspective, by Dr. Than Htaik of Cottage Industries Department on Myanmar traditional lacquerware technology, U Nyunt Han of the Archaeology Department on Decoration of Myanmar lacquerware, and Dr. Myo Myint of Mandalay University on State of Kyaukka lacquerware industry today. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 14: The workshop was opened with an address by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Central Committee of Myanmar Cultural Heritage, Preservation, Restoration and Conservation. He surveyed Myanmar cultural policy and the work of the Ministry of Culture, traditional art forms, etc. Other speakers were Director Mrs. Madeleine Gobeil of the UNESCO Division of Arts and Cultural Life, and UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Siba Kumar Das. Papers were presented by UNESCO (Mrs. Noriko Aikawa, Chief of the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Section and Chairperson Mrs. M. Gobeil); Myanmar (Dr. Than Htaik, Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt, U Nyunt Han, and Dr. Myo Myint); Japan (Mr. Kaneko and Mr. Higatsugu Shimizu); Indonesia (Mr. Basrul Akram); Vietnam (Mr. Phan Dang Nhat and Mr. Tran Huy Quang); Laos (Mr. Bounthiens Siripaphanh); Cambodia (Mr. Anshita); Korea (Mr. Paik Syeung Gil); China (Mr. Chen Zhenyu and Ms. Lu Hui); Malaysia (Mr. Othman Yatim); India (Mr. Haku Shah); and Germany (Mrs. Monika Kopplin). (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 15: The workshop continued. Papers were presented from France (Ms. Lu Hui) Korea (Mr. Paik Syeung), and Myanmar (Dr. Than Htaik on How to transmit traditional techniques to further generations....). (NLM 2/16)

Feb. 16: The workshop concluded. Minister for Culture Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint hosted a dinner for participants. (NLM 2/ 17)

Feb. 18: The participants went to Bagan on Feb. 17, where they visited the pagodas, and also Myanma Lacquerware Institute where they studied Myanma lacquerware production. (NLM 2/19) // Feb. 20: They visited Bagan on Feb. 18, Mandalay on Feb. 19, and returned to Yangon Feb. 20, where they toured the National Museum, the Myanma Gems Museum, and the Shwedagon Pagoda. (NLM 2/21) // Feb. 22: The participants departed. (NLM 2/23)

Feb. 20: The Second Workshop on Improvement of Present Vital Registration and Statistics System, cosponsored by the Central Statistical Organization and UNDP, opened, with 36 participants from government agencies and NGOs. The System was introduced in 1992, and has now covered 254 towns and 165 rural townships. "On the whole, Vital Registration System leads to good results in the cities.... Although the Birth Registration System in the major towns leads to high completeness, the Death Registration System leads to some extent [sic]. The vital registration system needs to extend to some rural areas in Myanmar." (NLM 2/21) // Feb. 23: The workshop opened in Kyauktan Township. (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 21: A 3-day National Workshop in the Role of Chambers and Associations in Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Promotion, co-sponsored by the Myanmar Chamber of Industry and Commerce, represented by President U Khin Maung Yi and Vice-President U Hla Myint Thein, the Myanmar Industrial Association, and ZHD-TA (German Federation of Small Business-Technonet Asia) of Singapore, represented by Dr. Marcus Pilgrim and Regional Coordinator Mr. Heiko G. Waesch, opened at the Medical Research Department. Also present were Director-General U Kyaw Myint of the Ministry of Trade, and Honorary Secretary-General Mr. George Abraham of the Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Singapore). (NLM 2/22) // Feb. 22: The workshop continued. Participants included Mr. Heiko G. Waesch, Mr. George Abraham, and Dr. Alamgir Hossain. (NLM 2/23) // Feb. 23: The workshop concluded. (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 23: A Workshop on Conservation and Utilization of Animal Genetic Resources, cosponsored by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and the FAO, opened with a speech by Deputy Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Aung Thein, and by Consultant Mr. David E. Steame. (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 27: A Workshop on Electricity Supply, co-sponsored by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Electric Companies of France,

opened with an address by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. Their are participants from nine electric companies of France and Myanmar. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 28: A Myanma Oil and Gas '96 Summit, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Energy and the Centre for Management of Technology of Singapore, represented by Managing Director Mr. G. Seelan and Executive Director Ms. Sarasija, with delegates from "international organizations of oil and natural gas and electricity." Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein spoke, and later hosted a dinner. (NLM 2/29)

Feb. 18: A Seminar on Health Sector from the Point of View of Macroeconomics was held at the Ministry of Health, co-sponsored by the Ministry and WHO. Present were Deputy Minister for Health Col. Than Zin, officials of the Ministry and of WHO, UNICEF, and UNDP, Professors Guy Carrin and Mr. Robert Zegers, and delegates from NGOs, joint-ventures, and ministries. Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt spoke. (NLM 2/29)

Regional and Border Cooperation

Feb. 19: A delegation led by Commanding General of the Thai Third Army Area Lt-Gen. Thanom Wacharaput arrived by special plane to attend the 12th meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee in Mawlamyine; it flew on to Mawlamyine, where it will meet with a Myanmar team headed by Maj-Gen. Ket Sein at South-East Command. (NLM 2/20) // Feb. 22: Gen. Thanom called on SLORC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye, as the Thai delegation concluded its visit. (NLM 2/23)

Social and Economic Cooperation

Feb. 27: A note providing the 15th Japanese government grant of 5,000 million yen (K 275 million) in debt relief was signed by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin and Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi. "Myanmar government repaid 5,000 million yen to the Japanese Government this month. The Japanese Government then granted the money as debt relief. The money will be used for purchasing machinery and equipment, raw materials and spare parts required by government departments." (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 27: Myanmar Medical Association (Central), represented by President Prof. U Ye Myint, and Grass Root Grant Assistance (GRGA) of Japan, represented by Japanese Ambassador Mr. Yoichi Yamaguchi, signed an agreement on Anti-AIDS Project (Mandalay), under which the Japanese Government will make a grant of \$99,405. (NLM 2/28)

Donations from Abroad

[We report here donations apparently from foreign sources, except for those incidental to visits reported elsewhere. We do not normally report the numerous articles on Burmese donations to government, religious, and social organizations and charities.]

Feb. 2: Chaitanasarn Limited Partnership Co. Ltd. Overseas (GM) and U Sai Aung Win of Mann Engineering and Trading Co. Ltd. donated medicines worth 30,000 bahts to the Defence Services General Hospital. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 5: Managing Director U Gildred Kyaw of Grace Myanmar Enterprise Co. Ltd., on behalf of Molten Corp. of Japan, presented balls valued at K 20,000 to the Sports and Physical Education Department. (NLM 2/6)

Feb. 9: Japan Wildlife Research Centre, represented by Executive Director Mr. Yamase, donated a Pajero cruiser and parts worth ◆ 3.7 million to the Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association (FREDA), represented by President U Sein Maung Wint. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 9: Chairman Mr. K. Matsukata of Mitsui Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. signed a memorandum of understanding presenting ◆ 25 million to the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 27: General Manager Mr. Y. Kondo of the Yangon Branch of Nichimen Corporation of Japan presented office equipment worth \$30,000 to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 2/28)

FOREIGN VISITORS

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

International Agency Visitors

Feb. 8: Executive Director Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli and party of United Nations Drug Control Programme Office (UNDCP) called on State Law and Order Restoration Council. (NLM 2/9)

Feb. 9: Director-General Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima of the World Health Organization, accompanied by South-East Asia WHO Director Dr. Uton Rafei and officials called on Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, who hosted a dinner for them. (NLM 2/10) // Feb. 11: He visited the Myanma Medical Research Department. (NLM 2/12)

Feb. 22: Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Francesco Frangialli of the World Tourism Organization called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. A dinner was hosted by Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism. (NLM 2/23)

Cultural Visitors

Jan. 31: A delegation of 19 Red Cross Youths from the Republic of Korea led by Mr. Yoo Seong Ryeol arrived to joint Myanmar counterparts in "helping the agriculture sector and in welfare work" until Feb. 13. (NLM 2/1) // Feb. 1: They visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the University of Culture. (NLM 2/2) // Feb. 2: The Opening ceremony of Korea-Myanmar Red Cross Youth Community Service 1996 was held at the Institute of Nursing. (NLM 2/3) // Feb. 4: They visited the Ngamoyeik Reservoir. (NLM 2/5) // Feb. 7: They studied model paddy fields in Hlegu Township. (NLM 2/8) // Feb. 12: The delegation completed its Community Service at Hlegu. It then departed for home. (NLM 2/13)

Feb. 3: 60 youths from the Stargeo Volunteers of Seoul, arrived Jan. 29 and performed volunteer work, spending \$33,500 to do it. (NLM 2/4)

Feb. 21: Eight Chinese engineers led by Mr. Zhou Xingru arrived to "conduct repair and maintenance of the National Theatre" under the bilateral goodwill programme. They will remain for three months. (NLM 2/ 22)

Medical Visitors

Feb. 22: Dr. J. Akiyama of the Japan Association of Tropical Medicine demonstrated malaria control measures in Taikkyi Township on Feb. 19, and donated 221 mosquito nets to the Ye Aye San Village Maternal and Child Welfare Association. (NLM 2/23)

Business Visitors

[May include Governmental delegations with predominantly commercial aims.]

Jan. 31: Chairman Mr. Kazuo Haruna and party of Marubeni Corporation were received by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. He also called on Chairman Brig-Gen. Than Oo of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. (NLM 2/1) // Feb. 2: The Marubeni delegation departed. (NLM 2/3)

Jan. 31: Chairman Mr. Osamu Suzuki of Yamaichi Research Institute of Securities & Economics Inc., and Chairman Mr. Tsugio Yukihiro of Yamaichi Securities Co. Ltd. and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/1)

Jan. 31: Chairman Mr. Sul Wom Shik of Daehan Textile of Korea and party called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 2/1)

Jan. 31: Director D.A. S.S. Ganegoda of Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka Ltd. and businessmen met with President U Khin Maung Yi of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (NLM 2/1)

Jan. 31: Chairman Mr. David Charles Cross Stevenson of Unilever International of Britain and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/1)

Jan. 31: President Mr. Kwok Hon Ming of Waysuntone Communications Ltd. of Hong Kong and party called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 1: Executive Vice-President Mr. I.M. Yang of Samsung Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd. of Korea called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin (Acting Minister for Planning and Economic Development). (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 1: Directors Mr. Oh Siew Nam and Mr. Kuok Kiam Hai of the Kuok Group and party called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi to discuss livestock matters. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 1: General Manager Mr. Kosuke Ito of Nissho Iwai Corp. (Yangon) called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint to discuss water supply for Kawthoung region. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 4: A South East Asian Economy Investment Inspecting Party from Japan led by Chairman Mr. Kazuo Ananda of Fuji Seikou (Industry) met with Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and with Directors of the Yangon Division Government Employee Cooperative Syndicate Ltd. (NLM 2/5)

Feb. 6: Managing Director Brig. Anwar Hussain and party of Sena Kalyan Sangstha Co. Ltd. of Bangladesh called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin (Acting Minister for Planning and National Development). (NLM 2/7)

Feb. 8: President Mr. Hu Bai Yin of China Jilin International Economic and Technical Corporation called on Deputy Minister for Construction Col. Aung San. (NLM 2/9)

Feb. 9: President Mr. Michael T. Chang and party of AIA Capital Corp. Ltd. called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 10: President of Mitsui Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Mr. K. Matsukata and party called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 2/11)

Feb. 10: A five-member delegation headed by Chairman Mr. Minoru Makiyama of Mitsubishi Corporation arrived at the invitation of Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 2/11) // Feb. 13: Chairman Makiyama called on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/14) // Feb. 14: The delegation called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, and on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. The delegation then departed. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 12: A 57-member Japanese economic delegation arrived. (NLM 2/13)

Feb. 13: Senior Vice-President Mr. Francis Vincent of the International Bank and Finance, Asia-Pacific, of France called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 13: Vice-President Mr. K. Ogawa of Marubeni Corporation and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 15: President Mr. Benjamin Gaon of Koor Industries Management Co. Ltd. of Israel and a 7-member delegation called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, 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 Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, to discuss investment opportunities in "telegraph, production of construction materials,

chemicals and fertilizers." Deputy President Mr. Y. Milo called on Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung. (NLM 2/16) // Feb. 17: He called on Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha. (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 16: A Russian economic delegation led by Mr. Alexandr Malov, President of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association, called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay to discuss "work of YCDC and cement sold." (NLM 2/17) // Feb. 17: He called on SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 16: Mr. Junichi Amano, Vice-President of Mitsui & Co. Ltd. and President of the Mitsui Investment Committee, and party, called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/17)

Feb. 19: Chairman Mr. Byung-ho Kang of Daewoo Corporation of Korea, and party, called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/20) // Feb. 20: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 2/21)

Feb. 19: Chairman M.W.K. Ho and party of the Ho Group of Thailand called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 21: Vice-President M. Bernard Delorme of Ciments Francais called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 21: Chairman Mr. Thian Patiwejwong of Tawan Telecom Co. Ltd. of Thailand and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/ 22)

Feb. 23: Additional Executive Director Mr. Arjun Oberoi of the Oberoi Hotel Group called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. "The group will come here to do business in the near future." (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 23: Vice-Presidents Mr. Koichi Ehara and Mr. Akira Yamazaki of IESY International Co. Ltd. and delegation called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. They will also visit Mandalay and Bagan. (NLM 2/24)

Feb. 26: President Mr. Peter Godwin of Asia Pacific Advisory Group of the British Ministry of Trade and Industry and a Trade Mission called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, and on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/27) // Feb. 27: The Mission called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and on the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. A delegation from the mission led by Mr. Brendan Doyle, called on Minister for Construction Maj-Gen. Saw Tun. (NLM 2/28) // Feb. 27: The mission called on Deputy Minister for Finance U Win Naing. (NLM 2/29)

Feb. 26: Mr. Vinayek and party of the Projects and Equipment Corporation (PEC) of India called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 2/27)

Feb. 26: Ms. Catherine Sachreiter of Elec Promotion, France, called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/27)

Feb. 27: President Mr. Wong Keng Seng of the Macao-Myanmar Overseas Chinese Association and party called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 2/28) // Feb. 28: He called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 2/29)

Feb. 27: A 7-member economic and trade investigation team from the Jingan District Government (Shanghai) led by Deputy Governor Mr. Qu Jun met with Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, to discuss opening a department store at Yangon City Central Plaza. It also called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 2/28) // Feb. 28: It called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 2/29)

Feb. 27: President Mr. Hiroshi Masuda of Nissan Fleet Sales Co. Ltd. and party called on Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 27: Chairman Mr. Takashi Ishida and Director Mr. Takasure Matsushita of Mitsui Kinkai Kisen Co. Ltd. of Japan called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 27: Managing Director Mr. Cesar C. Zalamea of AIG Investment Corporation (Asia) Ltd. called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 28: Managing Director Mr. A.D. Melzer of Premier Oil Pacific Ltd. of Singapore and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/29)

Feb. 28: A 24-member Okinawan economic delegation led by Mr. Yoshio Higa called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 2/29)

Religious Visitors

Feb. 7: Chinese Buddhist pilgrims from Taiwan, led by Rev. Hti Wai Hua Zu offered soon to 1,000 monks in Kaba Aye. They donated a 29-inch TV and VCR to the Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. (NLM 2/8)

Feb. 17: Mr. Nakata, a Japanese national of Kashima, Ibiri Prefecture, Japan, was ordained at the Maha Theindawgyi in Kaba Aye, in the presence of Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt and other high government and Buddhist officials. (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 24: A Japanese national, Nishiko Ishidasan from Hiroshima, was ordained as a monk. (NLM 2/25)

Media Visitors

Feb. 11: A farewell dinner was given for the production crew of Thai TV Channel 3, which has been taping True Love of Janejira with the cooperation of Thai Airways International and Baiyoke Hotel Group. (NLM 2/12)

Sri Lankan Delegations

Jan. 31: Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Mr. Lakshman Kadirgamar, visiting Myanmar, met with newsmen, and said his purpose was to promote Myanmar-Sri Lanka relations, to visit Myanmar for the first time, and to promote bilateral trade "which has tipped in Myanmar's favour." He said he was accompanied by 22 businessmen, and that a bilateral cooperation agreement would be signed. He invited Myanmar to send a delegation to Sri Lanka to discuss a direct sea link between the countries, forestry, agriculture, and fisheries. The Foreign Minister called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and visited the Myanmar Gems Museum, the Defence Services Museum, and a commodities fair at the Sri Lanka Embassy. (NLM 2/1) // Feb. 1: The Foreign Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw signed an Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation. The Minister paid obeisance to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws. A Joint Press Release was issued. The Minister departed for home. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 15: A Sri Lankan delegation led by Minister of Media, Tourism and Aviation Mr. Dharmasiri Senanayake arrived and called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. He was accompanied by Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana Mrs. Sumedha Jayasena, director of Information Mr. Ariya Rubasinghe, and Sri Lankan Ambassador K.B. Fernando. A dinner was hosted by Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein. (NLM 2/16) // Feb. 17: He called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 2/18) // Feb. 18: On Feb. 17, the Minister toured Mandalay and Bagan-NyaungU, returning to Yangon Feb. 18. In the evening, the Sri Lankan Ambassador hosted a dinner for the delegation, attended by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, and other officials. (NLM

2/19) // Feb. 19: The delegation left. (NLM 2/20)

Thai Delegations

Feb. 2: Thai Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives Monthon Kraiwatnusorn and party called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 23: A delegation led by Chairman General Sanan Svetasreni of the Thai House of Representatives Permanent Defence Committee called on Chairman Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt of the National Convention Convening Commission. (NLM 2/24)

Russian Delegations

Feb. 11: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr. Alexander N. Panov arrived at the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe. He was accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Alexi Izotov. (NLM 2/ 12) // Feb. 12: He called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and was given lunch by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe. Later he departed. (NLM 2/13)

Feb. 22: Russian Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture Mr. Alexander Vasilivich Kolganov and party arrived, and called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and Deputy Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Aung Thein. (NLM 2/23) // Feb. 26: He departed, after signing a "record of discussions" at the Myaypadetha Kyun Agricultural Museum. (NLM 2/27)

Laos Delegations

Feb. 15: Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Phongsavath Boupha of Laos arrived and called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw; a dinner was hosted by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe. He was accompanied by Permanent Secretary Mr. Phoume Khammounheuang. (NLM 2/ 16) // Feb. 16: He called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and toured the Shwedagon Pagoda, Ministry of Culture, Myanma Gems Museum, and Defence Services Museum. (NLM 2/17) // Feb. 19: He called on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 22: Minister of Social Welfare and Labour Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith and wife, of Laos, and a party of six, arrived. He called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint, and on Minister for Culture Brig-Gen. Thaug Myint. He also visited the Shwegondine Day Care Centre. (NLM 2/23) // Feb. 23: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoug. The party visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, the Defence Services Museum, and several social institutions. (NLM 2/24) // Feb. 25: He visited Thandwe, Bagan, Mandalay, and Taunggyi. (NLM 2/26) // Feb. 26: Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint hosted a dinner for him. (NLM 2/27)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Jan. 31: Assistant Engineer Daw Hnin Nwe Aye of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading left for Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, to attend a two-month Overseas Economic Exchange Trainee Programme. (NLM 2/1)

Home Minister to Vietnam

Feb. 5: A delegation headed by Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin left for Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnam Minister for Home Affairs Bui Thien Ngo. He was accompanied by Director-General U Kyaw Tun of Prisons Department, Rector U Tin Tun of Central Institute of Civil Services, Col. Khin Maung of Western Command, Deputy Commander of the Police Battalions Control Command Police Col. Soe Myint Tun, Director U Aung Myint of Bureau of Special Investigations, Commissioner U Pe Thein Aung of Yangon Division, and

PSO Police Maj. Sein Mya. (NLM 2/6)

Goodwill Delegation to Laos

Feb. 14: A 7-member goodwill delegation headed by Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay left for Laos, at the invitation of the Mayor of Vientiane. (NLM 2/15) // Feb. 23: The delegation returned. On Feb. 15, the delegation called on Vientiane Mayor Mr. Bounngang Vorachit and visited the Laos-Thailand Friendship Bridge and the Ethnic Culture Park. On Feb. 16, it visited Luang Prabang for discussions with Provincial Governor Mr. Chansi Phosikham; on Feb. 18 it visited the Ban Keun Zoo, the Nam Ngum Dam, and a market, returning to Vientiane to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation with the Vientiane Mayor. On Feb. 19, the delegation met with Lao Foreign Minister Mr. Spomsavath Leng Savad. (NLM 2/24)

Delegations Return

Return of Myanmar delegations which departed the previous month, or whose departure was not reported.

Feb. 12: The delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel returned from the World Economic Forum and Seminar on Myanma's Investment Opportunities, held in Switzerland, France, Germany, and Italy. (NLM 2/13)

Feb. 17: The religious delegation led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Konnajoti returned Feb. 16 from attending a religious festival in Japan at the invitation of the Agun Shu Buddhist Sect of Japan. Members were Chairman of the Theravada Ovadacariya Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ottarabhivamsa, Adviser Dr. Mehm Tin Mon and Assistant Director U Nyunt Swe of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Staff Officer U Myint Swe of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana. (NLM 2/18)

MILITARY

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Feb. 2: Three members of the Kayin armed group returned to the legal fold Jan. 15-17 at Myawady Camp. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 11: One member of the Kayin armed group returned to the legal fold Jan. 27 in South-East Command. (NLM 2/12)

Feb. 27: One member of the Kayin armed group returned to the legal fold Feb. 22 in South-East Command. (NLM 2/28)

Khun Sa Troops Continue Surrender

Members of the MTA (Mong Tai Army) of Khun Sa continued to turn themselves in, generally with arms and ammunition, at Tatmadaw military camps, following the January return to the legal fold of Shan rebel Khun Sa:

Jan. 31: 38 returned at Tachilek Township. Total since Jan. 5: 12,099 with 7,320 weapons.

Feb. 1: 2 returned on Jan. 26; 150 at Khaiklon camp on the Thai border on Jan. 27; 13 from Mongyai Township on Jan. 28. Total: 12,264 men with 7,372 arms etc. (NLM 2/2)

Feb. 2: 4 returned from the SURA armed group in Monghsat Township on Jan. 16; 330 MTA from Loilam region of Monghsat Township on Jan. 20; 10 in Monghsat Township on Jan. 29; 30 to Mongkok Camp and 47 from the Homong security unit on Jan. 30. Total: 12,690 with 7,510 arms. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 9: 158 MTA returned from Namhsam and Loitun, and 20 others on Feb. 8. Total: 12,868 with 7,610 arms. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 10: 142 MTA members returned on Feb. 8. Total: 13,010 with 7,702 arms. (NLM 2/11)

Feb. 11: 70 MTA men returned Feb. 9 at Mongpan. Total: 13,080 with 7,738 arms. (NLM 2/12)

Feb. 13: 48 MTA men returned. Total: 13,128 with 7,755 arms. (NLM 2/14)

Feb. 17: 50 MTA men returned at Tachilek. Total: 13,178 with

7,797 arms. (NLM 2/ 18)

Feb. 28: 69 MTA men returned at Mongphyat on Feb. 25. Total: 13,247 men with 7,848 arms. (NLM 2/29)

Defence Policy

Feb. 18: Speaking at the Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Gen. Maung Aye surveyed various areas of national policy, including defence:

"He said there will be no peace and economic stability in the absence of political stability. Military strength will be essential for peace and security in the country, he said. Strengthening military is meant for national defence and national peace, he added. In strengthening military four tasks are being followed systematically, he said. When the Tatmadaw gains in strength it will be in possession of modern arms and will be able to use them effectively, and then only will it be able to protect the nation from enemies within and without, he said.

"Regarding national defence, the General said the Tatmadaw alone will be insufficient to do the job. Every citizen is responsible for the defence of the nation. He made it clear that reserve forces will be necessary for the Tatmadaw to ward off foreign aggression. Such reserve forces are the Police Force, the Fire brigades and Red Cross brigades, he added. Similarly, he said the Union Solidarity and Development Association is a force for national defence. He spoke of the need to extend help to the reserve forces of the Tatmadaw and the national defence forces wherever possible." (NLM 2/19)

Feb. 19: 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 irrigation facilities and other installations in Sagaing Division. [page of photos] (NLM 2/20) // Feb. 20: he toured Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions, and attended the opening of the Fifth Myanmar Traditional Cart and Cattle Show in Mandalay. Also at the opening were SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and other high officials of the government and Tatmadaw. [page of photos] (NLM 2/21)

GOVERNMENT

Union Day

Feb. 8: The Union Flag kept at City Hall was conveyed to Thanlyin, "under the programme of relaying it through four districts in Yangon Division." [Note: Before 1988, the Union Flag was conveyed with great fanfare through all 14 States and Districts; the custom was then dropped, and is now being partially revived.-- HCMacD.]

Feb. 12: Senior General Than Shwe's Message to 49th Anniversary Union Day Ceremony [full text]:

Esteemed national brethren of the Union,

Today is an auspicious day on which the 49th Anniversary of the Union Day falls.

Numerous national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan have been residing together in Myanmar, our nation, for thousands of years. All the national races joined hands in resisting and repulsing the danger colonialists and fascists posed to the nation as the saying goes: Unity prevails in times of emergency.

The colonialists waged aggressive wars on Myanmar and occupied Rakhine and Taninthayi regions in 1824, lower Myanmar in 1852 and the entire nation in 1885, thereby reducing it into servitude.

In times of danger as such posed to the national peoples, the national races led by the respective leaders valiantly rose against the invading colonialists, enemies of the entire nation, with whatever weapons which they could lay their hands on.

Anti-colonialist and national liberation struggles were waged in different regions in the entire nation including Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine Yoma, Bago Yoma and the delta area. The colonialists

were known to have suffered great losses.

The respective national races also joined hands with the Tatmadaw in waging anti-fascist battles. National races in Shan State, too, extended their wholehearted support to the Tatmadaw in driving out of the country KMT Nationalist Chinese who, in defiance of Myanmar sovereignty, took a foothold in the nation's territory.

The historical milestone that clearly indicated the Union spirit, patriotic spirit and nationalism of the national races in Myanmar in their struggles is the signing of the Panglong Agreement.

Because of such unity and strong determination to free the national races of servitude, Myanmar has regained her independence and become a sovereign nation again.

Today, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has specifically laid down Our Three Main National Causes, namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, as national policy and is marching on, with unity of national races, towards a peaceful, developed and modern nation.

Moreover, the National Convention in session has already formulated constitutional fundamental principles which will guarantee to profusely serve the political, economic and social rights of the respective national races in building a new Myanmar nation.

As much as the National Convention can be convened successfully, will the fundamental principles reflecting the basic interests of the national races be formulated completely and comprehensively. Only when the National Convention can fully coordinate and formulate the fundamental principles required by the State Constitution, will the writing of it be successful. Then only will a new peaceful, developed and modern nation which all the national races aspire for be established without fail.

Hence, for the time being all of us will have to play whatever role we can to try to achieve the political, economic and social objectives which are national objectives designed to accomplish these lofty aims and objectives.

These twelve objectives of the State are, in fact, the main work programme that will practically serve national interests. The major tasks for the country today are implementation of the 12 objectives in continued momentum. All the national races of the Union are to make concerted efforts to see that the tasks covered by the objectives materialize.

As all the national races have witnessed, the State Law and Order Restoration Council spent over K 2,592 million as of 31 March 1995 as investment and is speeding up work for economic and social progress of the national races after forming the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races and establishing the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. The national races are to make all-out and concerted efforts for the success of these development projects, playing every possible role toward that end.

On this 49th Anniversary Union Day of special significance, all the national races are to firmly safeguard the already secured favourable conditions of unity of all the people encompassing different national races and at the same time we will have to make utmost efforts concentrating on the development [of] not only agriculture but also other sectors of the economy in this country where rich natural resources exist.

Hence, in honour of the 49th Anniversary of the Union Day of the national brethren of the Union are urged to try to implement the following five objectives which reflect the political essence stated above:

- all the national races to make concerted efforts for unity of the entire mass of the people,
- to strive for permanent unity and all the national races living together forever,
- all the national races to work together with the Tatmadaw for full realization of the political, economic and social objectives

of the State,

-- all the national races to unite their forces for the emergence of the State Constitution, and

-- all the national races to always join hands for safeguarding the independence of the State and perpetuation of sovereignty.

(NLM 2/12)

Feb. 12: The Union Flag was returned to Yangon City Hall, and was received by Mayor U Ko Lay at 7:20 am. 16,000 people attended the ceremony in People's Square, and similar ceremonies were held throughout the country. SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe hosted the annual Union Day reception and dinner, attended by most top officials and other Myanmar notables, and representatives of organizations, with an emphasis on the various national races. [page of photos] (NLM 2/13)

China-Myanmar Cooperation Committee

Jan. 31: The SLORC established the Leading Committee for Promotion of Economic Cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and People's Republic of China "for promotion of bilateral mutual economic cooperation and for implementation of Myanmar's economy with momentum during short-term five-year plan beginning 1996-97 fiscal year":

Chairman: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt

Members: Ministers for Industry-1; Forestry; Agriculture; Home Affairs; Hotels and Tourism; Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs; Mines; Transport; Rail Transportation; and Industry-1.

Secretary: Minister for National Planning and Economic Development.

(NLM 2/1)

Eye Bank Law

Feb. 19: SLORC Law No. 2/96 of Feb. 19, the Eye Donation Law [full text in NLM], establishes an Eye Bank supervised by a National Eye Bank Committee headed by the Minister for Health. It will organize acceptance, storage, and distribution of eye tissue from eyes of deceased donated by the decedents, as attested by an eye donor card, or which is authorized by next of kin, etc. Only technically trained personnel may remove the eyes of decedents, and they shall be immune from suit for anything done in good faith. (NLM 2/20)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointments on Probation

The SLORC has appointed the following, on probation:

Jan. 31: U Aung Than, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Survey Department, Ministry of Forestry. (NLM 2/1)

Feb. 14: Dr. Tin Aung Aye, Pro-Rector, to be Rector, Yangon University, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 21: U Zaw Sein Win, Director (Admin), to be Managing Director, Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

U Maung Maung Yi, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Directorate of Investment and Company Registration, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 28: U Sai Aung Mya, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Settlements and Land Records Department, Ministry of Agriculture.

U Zaw Win, Chief Engineer, to be Managing Director, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Energy. (NLM 2/29)

Appointments

The SLORC has appointed the following:

Feb. 21: U Soe Tint, Rector, Institute of Forestry, to be Director-General, Planning and Statistics Department, Ministry of Forestry. (NLM 2/22)

Appointments Confirmed

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

Feb. 28: Dr. Thein Myint as Rector, Mandalay University, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

U Lu Ni as Rector, Mandalay Institute of Education, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education.

U Soe Win as Police Major-General, Myanmar Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs. (NLM 2/29)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Feb. 8: Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission adopts steps to promote sustainable forest management, by Zaw Gyi (Lawk Sawk). [Review of January conference.]

Feb. 11: 'This nation's determination...' by Dr. Tin Maung Aung. [Review of anti-narcotics and crop substitution activities.]

Feb. 12,26: Let all be united, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [Cont. (5) Railway construction reviewed. (6) Graduation ceremonies at University for Development of National Races.]

Feb. 14: Plan for new life, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [The Mu River Project, comprising the Kindat Dam, the Thaphanseik Reservoir, and the Tindainyan Reservoir, is really a canal project. Foreign engineers failed with it, but now, without foreigners or foreign aid, it will be completed in 1996-97 at a cost of K 1,899 million.]

Feb. 19: Rebirth of Myanmar Engineering Society, by Aung Kyaw Zaw (Civil). [It had existed from 1922 to 1947, and again from 1954 to 1963, when it and "all the associations and societies" were dissolved. It was reestablished in December 1995 under Chairman U Kyin Soe, and is temporarily housed at the Yangon Institute of Technology. Membership eligibility depends on education and/or work experience.]

Feb. 23: The First Glance at Myanmar, by Vichien Sumantakul. [Short article by a Senior Researcher in Royal Thai Forest Department, who attended a Regional Seminar on Teak held in Yangon in May-June 1995. Myanmar "is still rich in superior teak trees," and improvements will thus not have to start from scratch. "Unanimous support for Myanmar to be the host country of the TEAKNET is the most desirable outcome of the Seminar."]

Trade Fairs

Feb. 4: Various ministers inspected preparations for the Lower Myanmar Industrial Exhibition scheduled for Bago. A Bago Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Bago District LORC Chairman Lt-Col. Tun Aye. (NLM 2/5)

Feb. 5: The Second Electronic Project Exhibition (Live '96) was held at the Yangon Institute of Technology. 70 items of "appliances, paintings, posters and cartoons are on display up to 6 February." (NLM 2/ 6)

Feb. 27: Myanmar Energy Expo '96, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Energy, CP Exhibition (Hong Kong), represented by Managing Director Mr. Andrew Kay, and Silver Kris Pte. Ltd. (Myanmar), represented by Managing Director U Shein Win, opened at Tatmadaw Hall with an speech by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein. It was also inspected by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Seventy companies from 18 countries (Canada, Korea, Czech Republic, Germany, Singapore, Sweden, China, Thailand, France, Finland, Britain, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hong Kong, USA, Italy, India, and Australia) are exhibiting electricity, oil and gas, telecommunications, and office automation equipment. (NLM 2/28)

Project Inaugurations

Feb. 2: A ceremony was held to hand over the first six double-decker riverboats out of 30 under the second contract for purchase (\$40 million) between Inland Water Transport and Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, Chairman Mr. Wu Wen Kuan of YIEC, and others. Of the six boats, the 44.5-metre Danyawady-1 and Danyawady-2 will be used in Rakhine State, the 38.5-metre Thallawady-1 and Thallawady-2 on the Chindwin route, and the 49.6-metre Pyigyitagun-1 and Pyigyitagun-2 on the Mandalay-Bhamo route. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 5: The Tawpale Bridge in Kungyangon, linking Kungyangon and Dedaye Townships, was opened by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. (NLM 2/6)

Feb. 14: The Kawkareik-Myapadaung-Nabu road in Kayin State was inaugurated Feb. 12. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 19: The Kidney Treatment Center, jointly sponsored by Joint Venture Corp. No. 7, represented by Chairman U Kaung Hla Pru, and ADK International Co. Ltd., represented by Chairman U Lo Taing Ya, opened at Kanthaya Hospital on Natmauk Road. A \$900,000 lithotripter made by Dornier of Germany will be used. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 27: A groundbreaking ceremony for the Yangon Commercial Tower being built by the Myanmar Hopeson Co. Ltd., represented by Chairman Mr. Toshiji Yoneda, was held. Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba also spoke, as did Senior Managing Director Mr. Yoshimasa Takemoto of the Hiroshima Bank Ltd. The \$6.75 million project will be completed in 24 months. (NLM 2/28)

Business Openings

Feb. 2: A Launching Symposium of Brand's Essence of Chicken was held, sponsored by the Myanmar Medical Association, represented by President Dr. Ye Myint, Cerebos Pacific Limited (Thailand), represented by Managing Director Mr. Kenji Ichikawa, and Diethelm and Co. Ltd. "Professors from England and America read research papers about Brand's Essence of Chicken." (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 6: The Sin Hoe Le Trading Pte. Ltd. opened its showroom and sales centre at 197 Pansodan St., Kyauktada Township, in the presence of Manager Ms. Nancy Ng, Chairman Mr. Liu Chun, and Formica Company representative Mr. Sred Wang. Products available are "formica, ceramic tiles and skirting tiles, kitchen cabinet, stainless steel door and handle, balcony and staircase handle, stainless steel, roller shutter, burner, hood and basin, Roman pillar and stained glass, heat proof and colour-fadeproof alloy steel wave sheet, (roof and wall) and others." (NLM 2/7)

Feb. 9: Isuzu of United Motors Co. Ltd. opened a showroom sales centre at 58 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, in the presence of Managing Director Mr. Iida and of Isuzu Motors Co. Ltd. of Japan, Mr. Yamanokuchi of Mitsubishi Corp. (Yangon) and Manager Mr. Miyagaki of Mitsubishi Corp. (Japan). Also present were Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and President U Tin Win of United Motors Co. Ltd. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 11: The Harbour Point Recreation Club, a joint venture of Myanma Port Authority and Harbour Point Recreation Club, opened at Myananda Park near Nanthida Jetty, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and others. "Sea food, Chinese cuisine as well as Western cuisine by Singaporean chefs is available at the club. It will also open a beauty parlour." (NLM 2/12)

Feb. 16: The Myanmar Daewoo Motors Service Centre was opened at 46 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road; it is a joint venture of Daewoo Corporation and Myanma Heavy Industries. (NLM 2/17) // Feb. 18: Editorial: New car coming up. ["the ultimate objective {is} producing a passenger car in this country."]

Advertisements

Feb. 9: Half-page advertisement for Hitachi refrigerators.
Feb. 12: Full page "Happy Union Day" ad from Myanmar Airways International, with list of its flights connecting Yangon with Dhaka, Kunming, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore.
Feb. 13: Half-page ad for Myanmar Daewoo Motor Co. Ltd. showroom opening on Feb. 16, selling Daewoo cars from Korea.
Feb. 16,23: Half-page ad for Hitachi airconditioners.
Feb. 21: Half-page ad for JVC Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.; contest winners listed: cars, TVs, and video recorders.
Feb. 27: Half-page ad for Sharp refrigerators and electronic gear.

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FOR SALE

The American Embassy is offering for sale the following items: used air-conditioners, kitchen appliances, carpentry tools, building materials, office furniture and equipment, gardening equipment, pumps, generators, surveying equipment and computer printers. The sale will be held on Tuesday, 6 February 1996 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at 220 Shwegondine Rd. Sale will be by sealed bid and bidders will be required to provide a refundable deposit of Kyats 10,000 in order to participate. For additional information, please contact 51294.

(NLM 2/3)

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(NLM 2/16)

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VACANCIES

The Myanmar Red Cross Society is undertaking as an implementing partner of UNHCR, an integrated Assistance Programme for Extremely Vulnerable Communities in Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships of

Rakhine State. The following positions for the above programme are vacant and require to be filled immediately. [list of 29 positions in 13 categories from Asst. Programme Manager to Night Guard.]... (NLM 2/24)

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Agreements with Foreign Firms

Feb. 8: The Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, represented by Director-General U Arnt Kyaw, and Mitsui and Co. Ltd. of Japan, represented by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Masaji Yoshiuchi, signed a joint venture agreement to establish the 220-acre Mingaladon Industrial Park. Ground was broken by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. "The Mitsui & Co. Ltd. is to invest \$ 12 million as its equity contribution and DHSHD contribute land use rights as its equity to from a joint venture company namely 'Mingaladon Industrial Park Co. Ltd.'" (NLM 2/ 9)

Feb. 9: Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd., represented by Managing Director Brig-Gen. Win Hlaing, and Nouveau Marketing Co. Ltd. of Thailand, represented by Managing Director Mr. Wichart Mektrakarn, signed joint venture agreement for extraction of gemstones. Joint Chief of Staff of the Thai Armed Forces donated \$3,000 for Bagan pagoda restoration. (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 16: Myanma Railways, represented by Managing Director U Thaung Lwin, signed an agreement with Invest-Import Yugoslavia, represented by Director Mr. Radovan Simic, for the import of freight wagons worth \$ 28 million. Since 1958, Myanmar has bought 813 Yugoslav freight wagons. (NLM 2/17)

Feb. 21: The Ministry of National Planning and National Development, represented by Director-General U Aung Myint of Myanma Investment and Companies Department, and the Bank of Tokyo Ltd., represented by Managing Director Mr. Taisuke Shimizu, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation "in exchange of information, promotion of economic enterprises and industries and sending business delegations and holding talks," and a Scholarship Agreement under which the Bank will give monthly stipends for 20 students of Yangon University and 40 students of the Institutes of Medicine. (NLM 2/ 22).

Feb. 27: Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, represented by Managing Director U Htay Aung and InterDigital Communications Cooperation of the United States, represented by Vice-President Mr. William M. Hilsman, signed an agreement for the installation of an auto radio telephone system at MPT head office. 250 lines will be installed in Mandalay and also in Mawlamyine. The system is being used in Yangon, Maubin, and Bagan. (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 28: The Irrigation Department, represented by Director-General U Ohn Myint, and Marubeni Corporation of Japan, represented by Mr. Masami Marada of the Machinery Division, signed a contract for the purchase of heavy equipment and spare parts worth ◆ 5 billion, to be paid for over four years with a one-year grace period. Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung also spoke. (NLM 2/29)

Business Courses

Feb. 14: An Investment Seminar on Myanmar, cosponsored by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and M O Air System, IMC (M O Tourist) of Japan was held, in the presence of Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen. Tin Aye, Mayor Mr. Masahiro Nishio of Izumo City, and Governor Mr. Shuzo Harada of the Bank of Shimane. Following a presentation of Myanmar investment, "queries raised by business entrepreneurs of Japan were then replied." (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 14: Basic Hotel Courses, cosponsored by the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Baiyoke Kandawgyi Hotel Co. Ltd. opened, with 32 trainees in front office operations and 31 in housekeeping. Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen. Tin Aye noted that there were currently 308 hotels with 5,869 rooms, including locally owned

hotels and 34 hotel projects with foreign investment. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 26: Five-day Bills and Foreign Exchange Courses, jointly sponsored by the Central Bank of Myanmar and by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, represented by Mr. Henry H.G. Tan, opened with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. The courses are being conducted by Mr. Richard Tan and Mrs. Tan Li Fang from the HSBC Regional Training Centre, Singapore, and each includes 15 trainees from State and four private banks. (NLM 2/27)

Banking

Jan. 31: The Myanmar Industrial Development Bank sold K 8 million of shares; it has sold K 17 million of shares so far "after it fixed the value of shares." (NLM 2/1) // Feb. 2: K 9 million of shares were sold, bringing the total to K 29 million; Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than visited, and called for timely completion of the bank building on Pansodan Road. (NLM 2/3) // Feb. 7: K 21 million of shares were sold, bringing the total to K 74 million. (NLM 2/ 8) // Feb. 9: K 1.5 million of shares were sold, bringing the total to K 77.5 million. (NLM 2/10) // Feb. 13: K 1 million of shares were sold, bringing the total to K 78.5 million. (NLM 2/14) //

Feb. 15: The Bank was formally opened, at 26/42 Pansodan Street, Yangon, by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, who called for industrialization of agriculture.

Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Agriculture Lt-Gen. Myint Aung spoke, saying the bank was "the kind of bank that has never been established in Myanmar before."

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than said "This Myanmar Industrial Development Bank had been established as a public limited company with limited liabilities and public share. The authorized capital is K two billion, and each share being worth K 500,000, the number of shares is 4000. The shares were sold one month ahead before the opening of the bank and up-to-date a total of K 80 million worth of shares had been sold." He said there will be short-, medium-, and long-term loans, with interest rates fixed at "a suitable rate." Loan guarantees will also be made, "if the industrial undertaking is economically and technically feasible and will contribute towards the industrial development of the country," and "if the industrialist... is believed to be someone who is reliable and sure to repay the loan." There are no specific loan amount limits. Applications must be submitted "through the respective Industrial Zone Supervising Committee" and must include a project feasibility report, prepared as specified in the Myanmar Industrial Bulletin. The new bank is authorized to do foreign transactions and can help with raw material and machinery imports, as well as machinery exports. (NLM 2/16)

Feb. 16: The bank sold K 5.5 million in shares, bringing the total sold to K 94 million. (NLM 2/17)

Feb. 13: The Banque Nationale de Paris opened a representative office at 104B Inya Road, in the presence of Chief Representative M. Michel Daniel, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and Senior Vice-President Mr. Francis Vincent of International Bank and Finance (Asia-Pacific). (NLM 2/14) // Feb. 14: A reception was held to mark the event, attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, and others. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 14: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe inspected the Myanma Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank, Ltd. at 654/6666 Merchant Street, Yangon, which will open Feb. 15. It will be supervised by the Committee for Boosting Production of Meat and Fish and Controlling Commodity Prices, and the Committee for Boosting Marine Production, in order "to fulfill the needs of livestock breeding and fisheries entrepreneurs in Myanmar," and promote general development. Entrepreneurs from other fields may also buy shares and borrow money from the bank. 79 shares worth K 110.5 million have been

sold to date. (NLM 2/15) // Feb. 15: The bank was opened by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo and by Bank Chairman Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. "The total capital amount of the bank will be two billion kyats and it is planned to issue up to 4,000 share certificates each worth K 500,000." (NLM 2/16)

Feb. 15: The Fuji Bank Ltd. of Japan opened a representative office at Room 305, International Business Centre, Pyay Road, Yangon, in the presence of Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, Vice President of Fuji Bank Ltd. Mr. Kazuhiko Kasai, General Manager Mr. Michiharu Kambe, Rep Office Special In-charge Mr. Masahiro Sagawa and others. (NLM 2/16)

Tourism

Feb. 19: 177 tourists arrived on the MS Song of Flower, and visited sights in Yangon. (NLM 2/20) // Feb. 20: The tourists left by a chartered Thai flight, while 152 new tourists flew in to join the ship, and toured Yangon. (NLM 2/21) // Feb. 21: The ship departed. (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 22: 94 tourists left aboard the cruise liner Seabourn Pride [arrival was not reported]. (NLM 2/23)

Feb. 23: 400 tourists arrived on the mv Berlin, and visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and other Yangon sights. (NLM 2/24) // Feb. 24: They departed, after visiting Bago. (NLM 2/25)

Highways

Feb. 7: SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo attended a coordination meeting on the Yangon-Mandalay six-lane highway. He said the Htaukkyant-Zayatkwinn-Bago section was opened on Mar. 25, 1995, "but no progress was made in follow-up measures. He said there are difficulties and officials concerned have to complete the work without waiting for advice of high-ranking officials on their inspection tour.... He warned of taking effective action against those who fail to discharge their respective duties...." (NLM 2/8)

Paddy Purchases

Feb. 12: Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, speaking in Mandalay on Feb. 5, "said percentage in purchase of paddy in Mandalay Division was less than that in other States and Divisions." He called on local officials "to conduct field tours and organize farmers to sell the produce and called for purchase of quality paddy." He "spoke of the need to obtain correct data at the basic level so that success could be achieved...and then found solutions to some issues on purchase of paddy submitted by personnel at different levels." On Feb. 9, speaking in Magway, he called on officials "to purchase the prescribed amount of paddy to be consumed by public servants. He urged them to try to purchase quality paddy." (NLM 2/13)

Coop Cartels Formed

Feb. 16: Four cartels of cooperative syndicates were formed, in a ceremony addressed by SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo. They are:

- Agriculture Producers Cooperative Society
- Government Employee Cooperative
- Education Employee Cooperative
- Industrial producers Cooperative Society

The Secretary-2 said there were, as of Jan. 31, 1996, 20,614 basic cooperative societies and 433 cooperatives syndicates. (NLM 2/17)

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	104.84	100.47	98.27

1996 as of

February 15	0.00	0.00	0.00
February 29	2.32	2.91	2.68

Note: Two days of significant rainfall in Yangon in February is most unusual.

HEALTH

Health Articles

Feb. 7: Poliomyelitis -- Time to eradicate, by Dr. Aye Kyu. [An attainable goal, as stated in Myanmar's commitment to eradicate poliomyelitis by 2000.]

Feb. 9: To put an end to polio, by Dr. Klaus Wagner {WHO Resident Representative}. [Explanation of February 10 and March 10 National Immunization Days.]

Feb. 18: First Myanmar National Immunization Day, by Kyaw Soe Myint. [To give Oral Polio Vaccine to all children simultaneously; it was a success.]

Feb. 27: Radiation Safety in Diagnostic Radiological Institutes, by Khin Maung Tin (Radiation Health). [Measures to protect patients and technicians.]

Dialysis Unit

Feb. 6: A K 15 million haemodialysis unit was opened at the Urosurgical Unit of Yangon General Hospital, in the presence of Minister for Health Vice-Adm. Than Nyunt, YGH Medical Superintendent Dr. Toe Aung, and Head of Urosurgical Prof. Dr. Paing Soe. (NLM 2/7)

Polio Immunization

Feb. 10: Chairman SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt of the National Health Committee said that 6,000,000 children had been given "two drops of Oral Poliovirus Vaccine (OPV)," and a second dose would be given on Mar. 10. WHO Director-General Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima also spoke; he also observed immunizations in Ahlon Township. (NLM 2/11)

SPORTS

Foreign Teams, Coaches, etc.

Feb. 10: Prizes were distributed at the Myanmar-Singapore Association's 1995-96 annual Golf tournament, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and other officials, and of Chairman Mr. Low Tuck Kong of Sum Cheong Corp. (Singapore) and regional head Mr. Lau Wai Sun of Sum Cheong (Myanmar) Ltd. (NLM 2/11)

Feb. 28: A Myanmar-Korea Goodwill Taekwando Meet was held at National Indoor Stadium 1 in Thuwunna. Speakers included Korean Military Attache Col. Ho Gun Seo. (NLM 2/29)

Hole-in-One

Feb. 14: U Maung Win of AWB Bank scored an ace Feb. 12 on the 154-yard 5th hole of the City Golf Resort. (NLM 2/15)

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Feb. 1: Paying obeisance to the Primary Enshrinement of the Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda being built in Mandalay, by Ba Sein (Religious Affairs). [Two Buddha Tooth Relic pagodas are being built, in Yangon and Mandalay. Although King Anawrahta had tried to convey the Buddha Tooth Relic from China to the Kingdom of Myanmar 950 years ago, it was only in 1994 that China let it be conveyed to Myanmar where it was paid homage in Yangon from Apr. 20-May 4, 1994, and in Mandalay from May 10-18, 1994. "The Buddha Tooth Relic from the

People's Republic of China was conveyed to Beijing on 5th June 1994. After that the two Buddha Tooth Relics are still being paid homage in the Union of Myanmar, one in Yangon and another in Mandalay." The First Enshrinement of the Buddha Tooth Relic in Yangon took place on Jan. 4, 1996, attended by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. It is learned that the First Enshrinement of the Buddha Tooth Relic in Mandalay will be held Feb. 6, 1996, and all Buddhists are urged to attend.]

Feb. 3: Tabotwe, the month of bonfire festival, by Dr. Kyi Maung Nyunt. [Festival as described under Myanmar kings in Treatise on Court Ceremonies and Festivals (Lokabyuha Kyan). Today it is celebrated only in Upper Myanmar, as in Monywa, Shwebo, Sagaing, Meikhtila, Magwe, Pakokku, and Mandalay, where "on the eve of the fullmoon day of Tabotwe, they gather fragrant firewoods and arrange them in the shape of a stupa or a spire in the foreyard of the temple or shrine, and burn them on the fullmoon night as an offering to the Lord Buddha." Bonfires are also offered "to the prominent head monks and aged laymen to give them warmth." An especially grand "bonfire puja" is held at the Maha Muni Buddha shrine in Mandalay.]

Feb. 4: Tabotwe, the month of Htamane festival, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Traditional group-making of grilled glutinous rice delicacy htamane or yagu. "Htamane feasts are open to all.... Any stranger or passerby regardless of race, religion, rank or creed, is welcome and is served htamane to his fill with cups of hot plain tea...." {Your compiler remembers such a celebration, to which he was invited by friends in Yangon, with great pleasure}.]

Feb. 9: Welcoming Buddha's Tooth Relic, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [In 1995 "Buddha's Tooth Relic was conveyed to Myanmar for public obeisance for 45 days.... At the same time, two replica tooth relics were kept together with Buddha's Tooth Relic." Now, starting with donations made during the visit, a Tooth Relic Pagoda is being built in Yangon and in Mandalay and "one tooth relic will be enshrined in each pagoda." Relics have now been enshrined in the two pagodas. China has promised to send the real Tooth Relic back to Myanmar to give people another opportunity to pay homage to it.]

Feb. 10-12: The Dances of Our Union Nationalities, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [(1) "Art is not meant for entertainment but for appreciation.... The dances of our Union nationalities may be roughly classified into three categories, (i) ritual or religious, (ii) economic or occupational, and (iii) social and recreational. The ritual or religious dances are those that are performed either to invoke the benevolent nat-spirits and beg favour from them or to propitiate the male-violent nat-spirits that have done harm to the individual or community or to drive out the evil nat-spirits that molest men, or to make the spirit of the deceased person happy and accompany it to the kingdom of Dead. Economic or occupational dances are those that are performed at the time of occupational activities.... Social and recreational dances are much more diverse Birth, name giving, puberty, amusements, courtships, marriage, divorce healing [sic], and death are not only the concerns of the persons involved, but also matters of social importance to the community as a whole...." (2) Kachin and Kayah dances described. (3) Kayin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine, and Bama dances.]

Feb. 11: Alodawpyi Pagoda which granted people's wish, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [A renovated Bagan pagoda, on which the Htidaw was raised in February in the presence of Senior General Than Shwe.]

Feb. 14: The State Pariyatti Sasana Universities of Myanmar, by Ba Sein (Religious Affairs). [History of the concept, which led to establishment of "two modern Pariyatti Sasana Universities" in Yangon and Mandalay. Purpose is to teach the Canonical Texts. "It is learnt that the two Pariyatti Sasana Universities have already held their 1st and 2nd convocation respectively conferring the Sasana Tekkasila Dhammacarya degree and the Sasana Tekkasila Maha Dhammacarya degree on the successful members of the Sangha who have completed the required academic courses."]

Feb. 15: A half century on the air, 1946-1996, by Cho Cho Thin

Gale. [Golden jubilee of the Myanmar Television and Radio Department. First experimental broadcasts in Myanmar were in 1937; the Burma State Experimental Broadcasting Service was launched in June 1939, and became the Burma State Broadcasting Service on Oct. 1, 1939. When war broke out, it closed down on Feb. 15, 1942 and moved to Maymyo (PyinOoLwin), and was forced off the air in April. Japan operated the All-Burma Broadcasting Department from 1942-Apr. 22, 1945. The Burma Broadcasting Service (Bama Athan) began on Feb. 15, 1946; it became Myanma Athan on Nov. 28, 1958. The present studio on Pyay Road was opened on Nov. 4, 1960. The Service was reorganized on March 15, 1972 as the Information and Broadcasting Department, and renamed Myanmar Television and Radio Department on Jan. 24, 1991. Radio Myanmar now broadcasts 16 hours on weekdays and 20 hours on weekends: (10 hours in Myanmar; 3 in English; 4 in languages of the "ethnic brethren."). Commercials are accepted. Broadcasting is in AM, FM, and shortwave; TV images are carried on microwave and via the Asiasat. There are 83 retransmission stations covering 73.5% of the country. Broadcasting is 60% entertainment, 15% education, and 25% information. Telecasting is 50% entertainment, 10% education, 25% information, and 15% percent commercials ("which happen to be the main bread-winner of our department.") Author has worked for MTRD for 26 years and "I pay my deepest respects to MTRD with this humble essay."]

Feb. 16: Golden Jubilee of Myanma Athan, by Thein Han (Myanma Athan). [Another, briefer, survey of radio/TV history.]

Feb. 20: Welcome and Congratulate the Second Meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders and the great grand Religious Title Conferring Ceremony of 1996, by Ba Sein (Religious Affairs). [The meeting will be held Feb. 29 at Mahapasana Cave, Kaba Aye, Yangon, with 300 members of the Committee and 117 members of the Sangha. The religious titles, announced on Jan. 4, will be conferred.]

Feb. 27: Editorial: Undisputable prominent role of Myanmar women. ["A Myanmar woman has generally been responsible for managing family affairs ranging from taking care of the family members' basic needs to managing financial matters thereby sharing responsibilities with her spouse. Many women are not confined to their homes. Grasping equal opportunities provided for men and women, they engage in professions of their choice. As a result, there have emerged successful Myanmar women in cultural, religious, education, art, health and economic spheres throughout history...." Homage to Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. "At the same time, there are some women who think highly of aliens and fail to safeguard own race. In this connection, the Secretary-1 called for realization of social objectives of the State to ensure that Myanmar women possess sound thinking power and good character to be able to respect own culture and traditions and safeguard own race based on patriotism."]

Feb. 28: Variety of paintings at Golden Valley Art Centre, by Sein Myo Myint. [Review of art, apparently naturalistic and nostalgic, at the show.]

Religion

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

Feb. 1: The 14th Sangha Meeting of All Shwegyin Gana was held at the Sasana Lankara Maha Dhamma Beikmandaw in Bahan Township, and was attended by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. The sect, one of nine recognized, is 135 years old. It has 13,642 members of the Sangha and 19,945 novices residing in 2,624 monasteries. Previous meetings were held in 1920, 1923, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1975, 1981, and 1992. (NLM 2/2) // Feb. 2: The meeting concluded. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 18: The Rakhine State Buddology Museum was opened on Mayyu Road in Sittway, Rakhine State, by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 2/19)

Feb. 19: 142 Lwela nationals (74 men and 68 women, from 22 households) in Metman Mawpha area, Eastern Command, converted to Buddhism on Dec. 12, 1995, under the sponsorship of the Tanyang Sayadaw. (NLM 2/20)

Feb. 25: The Khittaya Association held its annual meeting and elected the following officials: Chairman U Ye Myint, Vice-Chairmen U Htay Aung and U Ohn Kyaw, Secretary U Aye Than, Treasurer U Thein Myint, and executive committee members. (NLM 2/ 26)

Feb. 28: The opening of the second session of the Fourth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha was addressed by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, who said, inter alia, that: "In connection with cases adjudged as adhamma by special Vinayadhara Committee...such cases are said to have reappeared. The Sayadaw said some are said to be advocating such adhammavada as private discussions and some even contend that such adhammavada conforms to Pitaka treatises. The Sayadaw added that some are said to be openly delivering sermons in emotional and amusing way. The Sayadaw said not very few people in robes who have been adjudged as Asuddha or Nevasuddha Nasuddha by Sangha Vinicchaya Committees have shifted to other places. The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will not be in a position to deal with such cases individually. Through concerted and collective efforts, the Ward/Village, Township and State/Division Sangha Nayaka Committees will be able to eliminate those unscrupulous elements who pose danger to the Sangha, the Sayadaw noted..." Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt also spoke. (NLM 2/29)

Publications

Feb. 2: Complementary copies of the January issue of Welcome to Myanmar are available. (NLM 2/3)

Feb. 23: The University English-Myanmar Dictionary, by Dr. Ba Han has been reprinted in a three-volume set with "elegant computerized typeface", and is available from U Win Maung, 395 Bogyoke Street, and 48 Pyay Road, 7« miles, Mayangon, Yangon, for K 4500/-. (NLM 2/24)

Computers

Articles continued throughout the month concerning the installation of computers, often donated, at high schools around the country; the ceremonies were sometimes attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt.

Universities and Institutes

Feb. 11: A ceremony was held to honour those who conducted the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee celebrations, headed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who reviewed the celebrations. "He observed the standard of a nation and its peoples depends on physical strength and intellectual abilities of the people, their patriotic spirit, love for the nation and nationalistic fervour, fitness and high performance in education. He said a patriotic one will not be able to enhance the standard of the nation and its people if one is poor in education performance, adding that similarly an educated technician will never be able to build a nation more than the one under foreign influence if his patriotic spirit is poisoned" The Jubilee looked to the future as well as the past. Talks and papers were presented, and histories published. Literary and art competitions had been held. Committees had organized meetings around specific subjects, and specific old dormitories. "Above all, he said, old students set up trust funds for new generation students. This is a contribution toward education, a practice highly valued in Myanma tradition and a portrayal of kindness and compassion shown by elders to the young." Major repairs have been done on buildings and for "greening of the university campus." (NLM 2/12)

Feb. 14: 89 Graduates of Nursing Cadet Course No. 15 for Ladies, of the Defence Services Medical Services, were commissioned by Military-Appointments-General Brig-Gen. Tin Ngwe, in the presence of Madame Than Shwe Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San (wife of SLORC

Vice-President Gen. Maung Aye), Dr. Khin Win Shwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt), Daw Khin Than Nwe (wife of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo), Daw Khin Than Myint (wife of Minister Lt-Gen. Min Thein) and numerous officials. (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 17: The Institute of Economics held its 29th Convocation, with Rector U Mya Thein giving certificates to 852 graduates. (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 22: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe addressed the final-year students of Course No. 27 of the University for Development of National Races, stressing that "the government's aim is to narrow down the development gap among national races as much as possible," and urging education. "The Senior General likened the life of the children of the border areas to wild flowers in the jungles. He said no one knows and appreciates fragrant flowers in the jungles and they get dry in the end. It is a great loss to the nation, he said, urging the trainees to educate such children for their intellectual development and widening the scope of their general knowledge in order that they may not lag behind. Then only will there be equitable development of all areas of the Union, he said." (NLM 2/23)

Feb. 24: The University of Distance Education held its 3rd Convocation, with Rector U Mehm Than Thuang and Pro-Rector U Soon Ti conferring BA and BSc degrees on 1,202 graduates. (NLM 2/25)

1994 Motion Picture Awards

Feb. 8: Motion Picture Awards were made for 1994, as follows, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt:

Best Picture: Dabyaythu Ma Shwe Hta;
Best Director: Zinyaw Maung Maung for Dabyaythu Ma Shwe Hta;
Best Actresses: Soe Myat Thuzar for Naw hin Hmwe and Mo Mo Myint Aung for Ma Thudhamma Sa Yi;
Best Actor: Kyaw Thu for Dabyaythu Ma Shwe Hta;
Best Supporting Actor: Kyaw Hein for Wailehmwe Kywaylehme;
Best Supporting Actress: Daw Nwe Nwe San for Tharaphu;
Best Music: Sandaya Hla Htut for Dabyaythu Ma Shwe Hta;
Best Cameraman: Htaiktan Ko Ko Htay for Ma Thudhamma Sa Yi;
Best Sound: U Khin Oo for Tharaphu.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw said film producers should "take into account of serving public interest instead of producing films solely with economic outlook.... Film artistes, he said, win the love of the people. As the people keep a watchful eye on them, they should behave themselves in their mode of dress, speech and so on in order that they may be the persons whose examples the youths can follow and who are worthy of love of the people. He said people of the motion picture world have to discharge their social and national duties in addition to professional duties...." (NLM 2/9)

Radio/Television Golden Jubilee

Feb. 15: The Golden Jubilee of Radio Myanmar and Myanmar Television was celebrated with an address by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who reviewed the history of the organization. "He said radio and TV programmes are, in fact, noble services which could organize and persuade the people to adopt correct concepts, attitudes and outlook by presenting appropriate news and information. Moreover, he said, the programmes can contribute toward relaxation, entertainment and widening the scope of knowledge of the people through its entertainment programmes.... He urged them [radio/TV personnel] to organize the people, making use of TV and radio programmes, to accept the political, economic and social objectives and make them possess the will to build the nation on self-reliance and national pride, and to live as befitting citizens in adherence of law.... [He] called for an increase in the number of TV and radio programmes featuring cultural heritage, religious teachings and public education to guard against counter culture. He also called for measures to prevent songs, mode of dress and actions contrary to

Myanma culture...." [see Cultural and Scientific Articles, above, for articles outlining radio/TV history] (NLM 2/16)

Feb. 16: Editorial: Serving the people. ["From humble, or what one might call primitive, beginnings, the service, both radio and TV, has risen to new heights and to new dimension as truly capable of serving the public.... True, the people of this country have been able to adopt correct concepts, attitudes and outlook through absorption of news, views and information presented by the Myanma Television and Radio Department as it is well known here at home and abroad.... A heart-warming scene and much applause came when an old lady who had faithfully kept the floors clean, now retired, stepped up to claim her due -- recognition that she, like others, served the public, though indirectly, but in full dedication to make the place pleasant for all. Special audio and visual programmes to mark the occasion are also a treat, since they help bring back memories of the yesteryears."]

Bagan Pagoda Renovation

Feb. 4: The Department of Archaeology told SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe that it is "making arrangements for renovation of near-collapse pagodas in Bagan," and well-wishers can donate cash for the pagodas. Cost is between K 100,000 and K 300,000 per pagoda "and special arrangement is to be made for large pagodas such as Sulamani, Dhammayangyi, Htilo Minlo and Mingala. The name of donor is to be inscribed at the pagoda."

Donations reported:

Managing Director U Myint Han of Yadanapura Construction Cooperative Ltd., and wife Daw Aye Mya Nwe: K100,000 for Alodawpyi Pagoda; K100,000 for Thettawya Pagoda; and K100,000 for Thettawshay Pagoda.

SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt: Htidaw of Sapada Pagoda

Defense Services Intelligence Unit: Laymyethna Pagoda

Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt: a pagoda

Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein: a pagoda

Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein: Alodawpyi North-

East Pagoda

Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw: two pagodas

Minister at SLORC Chairman's Office Lt-Gen. Min Thein: Lawka Htaikpan Pagoda

Commander-in-Chief (Navy): a pagoda

Commander-in-Chief (Air): a pagoda

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen. Win Myint: a pagoda

Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen. Tin Hla: a pagoda

The staffs of the above four: a pagoda each

News and Periodicals Enterprise: a pagoda

Myanmar Architect Tampawady U Win Maung: a pagoda

Proprietor U Htain Win of Myitmakha Engineering Co. Ltd. and wife Daw Myint Myint: K 1.8 million for Sulamani Pagoda

Zaykaba U Khin Shwe: K 1 million for Maha Zedi.

(NLM 2/5)

Feb. 16: "According to the State's programme for conservation of Myanma cultural heritage in Bagan, the Archaeology Department will renovate ancient pagodas in Bagan, which are near collapse, within two years. As the Archaeology Department will renovate ancient pagodas to their original styles, those wishing to donate case for ancient pagodas may contact Ministry of Culture (Minister's Office) or dial 43233 or 43234 or 43235 or Archaeology Department (Head Office) or dial 31179 or 32850 or Archaeology Department in Bagan, Bagan Branch, or dial 062-70104 and send expenditure for selected pagodas individually or in groups or department-wise." Pagoda "adoptions" reported:

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, and family: Hsinmyashin Pagoda

Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin and family: K100,000 for a pagoda near the Thatbyinnyu Pagoda

Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin and family: K100,000

Ministry of Home Affairs: K200,000
Minister for Labour Lt-Gen. Aye Thoung: K250,000
Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win and family: K200,000
Ministry of Transport: K200,000
Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt and family:
K100,000
Minister at the SLORC Chairman's Office Brig-Gen. Myo Thant and
family: K200,000
Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries Brig-Gen. Maung
Maung and family: K150,000
Minister for Culture Brig-Gen. Thaung Myint, wife Daw Khin Aye
Mu, and family: K100,000
Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin and family:
K200,000
Minister for Construction Maj-Gen. Saw Tun and family: K200,000
Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen. Kyaw Than and family: K200,000
Yangon Commander Brig-Gen. Khin Maung Than, wife Daw Marlar,
and family: K300,000
Donors from Yangon Division: K400,000

(NLM 2/17)

Feb. 17: Donations reported:

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba and family:
K100,000
Ministry of Hotels and Tourism: K100,000
Ministry of Education: K500,000 for five pagodas
Ministry of Industry-1: funds for three pagodas
Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and
Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint and family: K200,000
Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min and family: K200,000
Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen.
Soe Myint and family: K100,000
Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung and
family: K100,000
Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs: K200,000
Attorney General U Tha Tun and family: K100,000
Ministry of Immigration and Population: K100,000
Pepsi U Thein Tun and family: K300,000. (NLM 2/18)
Feb. 19: Donations reported:
Minister for Home and Religious Affairs Sithu U Ko Ko (Retd),
wife Daw Mi Mi Khin and family: K400,000 for Shin Issa Gona Pagoda.
(NLM 2/20)

Military Bands

Feb. 17: Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen. Tin Oo opened the Fifth
Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air Force) Military Band Competitions, saying
"military songs are vital not only for the Tatmadaw but also for the
nation, boosting morale and military fervour and vitalizing the
spirit to love and safeguard the race and religion." The first nine
military bands date from 1953, and the Defence Services Military Band
was formed in 1978-79. Annual competitions began in 1992. (NLM
2/18) // Feb. 24: Prizes were awarded. (NLM 2/25)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Feb. 4,18,25 : For over a year, each weekly Sunday Supplement
has listed "Our Three Main National Causes," two lists of "Special
Projects," and "Slogans" for the National Convention [for texts see
issue of January 1996]

Feb. 4,18,25: Towards a modern nation through all-round
development, by Warazein. [Cont. Endeavours of the Prime Minister's
Office. (iii) Sports training and meetings abroad listed. Work of
Mandalay City Development Committee. Endeavours of the Ministry of
Health. (i) Formation of National Health Committee.]

Feb. 4: For all-round development in eastern sector of Thanlwin
river, by Taungdwin Bo Thein. ["In Kengtung region in Shan State

(East)...in 1994-95, paddy was cultivated only on 160,000 acres and gave a yield of 8.8 million baskets of paddy and the paddy requirement sufficient for the people in the region is over 9.3 million baskets. Therefore, there is a shortfall of over one million baskets of paddy in the region.]

-- The product from blue-green algae (Spirulina), by Dr. Aung Kyaw Soe. [A nutritious substance used by astronauts.]

-- Production of Myanma cotton fabric, by Myint Thura. [Growing; Myanmar people still like to wear traditional cotton.]

-- The capital of snowcapped mountains, by Win Htet (IBRD). [Putao, near 19,296-foot Khakaborazi Mountain. Foodstuff prices in Putao. Rice K 28 per pyi. Beef K 120 per viss. Pork K 150 per viss. Chicken K 250 per viss. Variety fish K 150 per viss. Mustard oil K 210 per viss. Groundnut oil K 240 per viss. "Prices of vegetables are the cheapest, Putao is the only place where the price of rice has been the cheapest. Peace and tranquillity also prevails there. National races of the locality such as Rawan, Lisu, Khamti Shan, Jainphaw, and Kachin are simple, frank, hospitable, quiet and united."]

-- Building up a new nation with strength of national unity, by Myat Min Hlaing. [Review of nationalist history, as run-up to Union Day.]

-- Progress in generating electric power, by Thein Mya Lwin. ["People in Yangon now do not suffer much of electric power shortage which is caused by alternative supply in the past. Those who complain about power shortage can hardly be found now. In those days, if electricity was available in day time, it was not at night, and if we got it at night, we could not in day time. Nowadays, we hardly suffer electric power shortage except the time when underground wire or transformer are damaged." Review of new facilities.]

Feb. 12 (Union Day Special): Unity is sacred, by Min Kyaw Min. [Let no one try "to destabilize our nation, to drive a wedge between the brethren, between the people and the Tatmadaw."]

-- Living on the same land and drinking water from the same source, by Pe Than. [135 national races in Myanmar working together; objectives of Union Day.]

-- For betterment of the Union, by Maung Dawna. [National unity necessary.]

-- Common aspirations of our national races, by Ko Soe. ["In connection with the national races, the following principles are laid down. They are -- (1) The State shall help to develop language, literature, fine arts and culture; (2) The State shall help promote solidarity, mutual amity and respect and mutual help among the national races, and (3) The State shall help promote socio-economic development including education, health, economy, transport and communications of less-developed races."]

-- United does not thrive on neglect, by Pa Pa Waddy. [Memories of Panglong Agreement.]

-- Page of photos.

-- Establishment of a new nation and national unity, by Ko Ko Oo. [Solidarity necessary.]

Feb. 18: Emporium (1) hailing Visit Myanmar Year, by Aung Kyaw Soe. [Souvenir sales centre opened Jan. 5, 1996, at 13/15 Latha Street.]

-- Central Hotel at downtown Myanmar, by Sein Shwe. ["With its fresh and majestic appearance, beauty, cleanliness, satisfactory service and hospitality, we feel like being in the paradise when we once step into the hotel building. Every visitor marvels at it." The 82-room, three-star, hotel was built for US\$ 6 million, with 65% owned by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. and 35% by Macao International Ltd. Room prices are 160, 110, 90, 80, and 60 dollars per day, "quite reasonable when compared with international hotel charges." The "soft opening" was on Nov. 29, 1995; the grand opening will be next April.]

-- Mawgyun becomes remarkably progressive, by Mawgyun Myint Aung. [Progress in Mawlawmyinekyun Township, Ayeyawady Division.]

-- Thriving Shwe-yaung-pya sugarcane plantation, by Sein Shwe Hlaing. [On the border of Thaton and Bilin Townships.]

-- Eradicating polio in three years, by Maung Kyi Thaw. ["The required medicines have arrived in Mandalay, Magway, Monywa, Patheingyi, Mawlamyine and other townships and will be kept in 18 cold-storage go-downs and in refrigerators in all parts of the country. It is estimated that a total of over 41 million US dollars will be spent in this project."]

-- New road opened, by Win Nwe. [In Myohaung Ward, Magway.]

Feb. 25: Tenth destruction of narcotic drugs, by Htun Htun Min. [Account of ceremony on Feb. 9.]

-- Future prospect of Hinthada industrial zone, by Po Tha Aung. [Inaugurated Oct. 18, 1995. Background of home industries in the area since 1945.]

-- Aiming at supplying sufficient electric power, by Aung Htun Thein. [Commissioning of Ahlon and Hlawga natural gas power stations.]

-- Agricultural development in Pyinmana region, by Khin Maung Than. [Survey.]

-- For welfare of quarry workers, by Kaytu Nilar. [Visit to gravel quarries in Toungoo Township. Gravel produced at K 350 per sundrum. At the Laymaing Quarry Camp there used to be 1,500 workers, producing 120-200 sundrums daily. "As the price of commodities are rising, the wages earned by the quarry workers is very small and therefore, many workers have left.... This being the case there are only about 300 workers left at this camp. Therefore, the authorities...should raise the price of the rocks to suit the times and to sell them through cash down payment system. The inferior kind of granite which is yellowish and softer should be allowed to be sold freely without imposing any restrictions. Moreover, the departments purchasing the rocks should try to see to the welfare of the workers by selling them basic commodities at reasonable prices. Uniforms, boots and helmets should also be provided to the workers so that they will be able to work at the mine most conveniently."]

Crime

Feb. 7: Some 19 people, seized as Che-hti gamblers in Mayangon Township, Yangon, on Jan. 15, along with stake money and documents, and will be prosecuted. (NLM 2/ 8)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Jan. 31: 2.0 kilos of heroin was seized Jan. 26 in Lashio. (NLM 2/1)

Feb. 4: 1.7 kilos of heroin were seized Jan. 27 in Lashio, along with K 1.2 million. 3.1 kilos of opium were seized Jan. 28 in Mogaung. (NLM 2/5)

Feb. 9: The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held the Tenth Destruction of Narcotic Drugs at Yeyeiktha on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township, under the chairmanship of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and vice chairmanship of Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, and other officials, as well as diplomats, UN officials, and Executive Director Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli of the United Nations Drug Control Programme Office. Destroyed were 1471.4 kilos of opium, 82.7. kilos of heroin, 12.1 kilos of opium oil, 0.9 kilo of liquid opium, 197,4 kilos of marijuana, 1918.6 litres of Phensedyl, 112.3 litres of cough mixtures containing opium, and 150 ampoules of injections containing opium. Lighting the fires were Ambassadors from Russia, Australia and France, and the UNDCP Executive Director.

Since Sept. 18, 1988 [when SLORC took power], the Minister said, the following have been seized from traffickers: 13,808.3 kilos of opium, 126.2 kilos of morphine, 1,815.8 kilos of heroin, 58.2 kilos of opium oil, 91.7 kilos of liquid opium, 5,673.4 kilos of marijuana, 29,834.9 litres of Phensedyl, 446.5 litres of codeine based cough mixtures, 4,233.6 gallons of acetic anhydride, and 1,721.8 gallons of other precursor chemicals. 55,945 people have been

convicted of drug offenses in 26,223 cases. 26,340.2 acres of poppy fields have been destroyed, including 25,258.3 in the Shan States. 20 opium factories have been destroyed.

"The renunciation of drug trade by the MTA [Khun Sa's organization] is a feather in our cap; the Myanmar government, standing on its own feet, has achieved the total eradication of opium cultivation and drug trafficking in Loilang and Homain regions along the Myanmar-Thai border.... Our success in causing U Khun Sa's return to the legal fold amounts to delivering humanity from the horrid threat of narcotic drugs. The Union of Myanmar will carry on with her dedication to the total elimination of drugs from the surface of the earth; on the other hand, we welcome U Khun Sa's MTA, who are our own blood brethren. We will look after them well on humanitarian grounds and for the sake of national spirit."

Also speaking was an American, Mr. Alex Wong, who said: "I was born in Myanmar. I am a Chinese and an American citizen right now. I came here on Monday. I don't have any idea about the occasion. Just yesterday a friend of mine asked me if I want to watch the burning of narcotics. I said I appreciate his invitation. I have nothing to do with any politics and I have no intention to do any business in Myanmar. Just visiting my friends.... I don't know what I am, but I know I am a human. So, I want the drugs to get out of our planet." (NLM 2/10)

Feb. 11: Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Secretary Police Maj-Gen. Soe Win and UNDCP Executive Director Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli signed a six-month extension of the Hotawng Wa southern region development pilot project. (NLM picture caption, 2/12)

Feb. 16: During January 1996, the Tatmadaw seized 1.2 kilos of heroin, 3.1 kilos of opium, and 144.9 litres of Phensedyl. The police seized 8.4 kilos of heroin (100 cases), 17.2 kilos of opium (38 cases), 177.7 litres of Phensedyl (16 cases), 24.6 kilos of marijuana (29 cases), 0.6 litre of Mesadyl (1 case), 150 tablets of Niyopet (2 cases), dried opium (1 case), 0.0002 kilo of opium residue (1 case), 150 gallons of sulphuric acid (1 case), and 0.03 kilo of opium liquid. There were 118 cases of failure to register for treatment, and 5 other drug-related cases. Action was taken against 476 persons in 313 cases. Of the above, police seizures in cooperation with the Tatmadaw were 7.2 kilos of heroin (11 cases), 2.3 kilos of opium (2 cases), and 81.4 litres of Phensedyl (6 cases). (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 17: MANA's mission, by Dr. Tinh Maung Aung. [the Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (MANA), a non-governmental organization, was formed on June 26, 1994. Its purposes are to support all Myanmar anti-narcotics activities, and provide drug education including education on needle-sharing that can spread HIV/AIDS.]

Feb. 23: A parcel with 0.8 kilo of marijuana, "stuffed in two papier-mache doll owls" and addressed to Japan, was seized Feb. 8 at the Yangon post office; the senders were arrested. (NLM 2/24)

Marriage

Feb. 3: Ma Khin Aye Aye Mon, daughter of the late U Khin Maung and Daw Ngwe of Yangon married Dr. Khin Maung Lay, Director, Envipro (Myanmar) Co. Ltd., son of U Kyaw Hlaing and Daw Tin Tin Oo. (NLM 2/9)

Obituaries

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

No date: General San Yu died in Yangon. ["In Gratitude" notice from "the bereaved family"; no further details] (NLM 2/1)

Jan. 3: Dr. M.S.A. Kadar (Dr. Mohd Sheik Abdul Kadar), husband of Daw Hla Myint (Grace), died in Yangon, aged 66. [Muslim] (NLM 2/18)

Jan. 28: Mr. Swalay Thiha Thazi, Radio Pakistan External Service Radio Announcer cum Commentator (Retd.), husband of Daw Bi Bi Than, died in Mandalay, aged 86. [Muslim] (NLM 2/6)

Jan. 29: Patron Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta

Sumanabhivamsa of Kabayan Kyaungtaik, YeU Township, Taninthayi Division, vassa 66, died in YeU, aged 85. [article] (NLM 2/16)

Feb. 1: U Soe Hla (Thaikpan Soe Hla), died in Yangon. He was born May 15, 1916, and had a long career as writer and journalist. His translation of the Life of Pearl S. Buck won the 1958 National Literary Award. He also translated Wuthering Heights (Pin-myint-mar-lar) and wrote How to Keep Fit 365 Days a Year and Yadanabon. He visited the United States, China, and the USSR. He retired as Additional Director of the Sarpay Beikman in 1976, and Chaired the National Literary Award Selection Committee from 1976-1988. [news article] (NLM 2/4)

Feb. 13: U Pe Maung, Commissioner of Settlement and Land Records (Retd), husband of the late Daw Than May and of Daw Tin Nyunt, died in Yangon, aged 94. [Christian] (NLM 2/15)

Feb. 14: Kitty Thwin, nee Torrens, relict of Lt-Col. Dr. Mg Thwin (Retd.), died in Yangon, aged 81. [Christian] (NLM 2/16,26)

Feb. 15: Daw Khin Kyi (Mrs. Victoria Donoghue), wife of the late Mr. Stanly Donoghue of the De La Salle Institute, Twante, died in Yangon, aged 59. [Catholic] (NLM 2/18)

Feb. 21: Daw Yeo Gait Choo, wife of Chan Cheng Taik (a) Willie Choo Khine, died in Yangon, aged 91. [text in Burmese] (NLM 2/22)

Feb. 21: Emma Shwe, died, aged 62. [text in Burmese] (NLM 2/23)

Feb. 24: Magdalena Maran Nang Koi, wife of Augustine U Nyo Aye, died in Yangon, no aged given. [Christian] (NLM 2/25)

Feb. 27: Mr. George Austin Brock (ex Burma Ports Corporation), husband of Mrs. E.N. Brock, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (NLM 2/28)

Feb. 28: Dennis Felix Andrew, husband of Ivy Alice, died in Perth, Australia, aged 72. (NLM 2/29)

Fires

Feb. 14: During December 1995, there were 89 fires in Myanmar, causing damage amounting to K 14.75 million. 570 houses, a factory, and 3 godowns were destroyed. One person was killed and 4 injured, and 3,006 made homeless. 78 of the fires (88%) were due to negligence, 6 to short-circuits, and 5 to arson. (NLM 2/15)

Earthquake

Feb. 17: An earthquake (7.2 Richter) was recorded at 12:40:14 local time, with epicentre 1996 miles SE of Yangon. (NLM 2/18)

Traffic Safety Rules

Feb. 22: Effective February 22, "slow moving vehicles such as trishaws" are prohibited on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road during the rush hours of 8-11 am and 3-6 pm. (NLM 2/23)

Feb. 27: Beginning Mar. 1, "special buses" supervised by the All Bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon Division) "will keep their doors shut while driving" to "minimize road accidents and prevent passengers from falling off buses." (NLM 2/28)

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