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(1) Council meets trainees of USDA Management Course

YANGON, 23 June Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in Chief (Army) General Maung Aye met trainees of the Management course No 10 for USDA Executives at the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby this morning.

He explained to them the aims of the USDA, tasks for perpetuation of the association, the role of the Tatmadaw, stability and development of the nation and current situation.

He also urged them to do their utmost with the spirit of sacrifice as they are auxiliary national defence forces and to try to be well-qualified.

After cordially greeting the trainees, General Maung Aye had lunch with them in Bayintnaung Hall.

Also present were other members of the Panel of Patrons of USDA, members of the Central Executive Committee and the course-in-charge.

(2) Secretary-1 meets trainees of USDA Management Course

YANGON, 23. June Member of the Panel of Patrons of Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt met trainees of Management

Course No 10 for EC Members of USDA in Pyidaungsu Hall of Central Public Relations Unit, Hmawby Township, today.

The Secretary-1 urged them to enhance their spirit to sacrifice for the nation and the race, explaining endeavours being made to forge national unity, for emergence of a modern and developed nation and to strengthen international relations.

He then cordially conversed with the trainees.

Members of USDA Central Executive Committee and instructors were also present.

(3) Two asphalt roads put into service in Taunggyi

YANGON, 23 June Kyaylet Road, 1,550 feet long and 16 feet wide, was put into service in Sinthe Village, Taunggyi Township, on 22 June.

Paving of the road was undertaken by Taunggyi Township Development Committee.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut, members of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council, Director of Shan State (South) Development Committee Lt-Col Ohn Nyunt, Taunggyi District and Township authorities, departmental officials and local people.

The minister and the commander formally opened the road.

They also attended an inauguration ceremony of Kyauktan Road in Htithain Village.

(4) New strategies are being adopted to boost agricultural produce

YANGON, 23 June-The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held the first four-monthly meeting for fiscal 1997-98 at Myanma Farms Enterprise this morning with an address by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung.

It seems that the ministry's objectives were never realized fully although success has been achieved to a certain degree in implementing them, he said. The paddy output did not reach one billion baskets as targeted, he~revealed. New strategies have been

adopted based on the previous experiences to effectively conduct multiple-cropping, he said.

Officials made field tours in May and organized farmers to effectively implement the agricultural objectives in accord with new means, he noted, adding the meeting was held to coordinate experiences gained during their tour.

The ministry will launch special projects which will be implemented by water availability, agriculture, education, financial and inspection groups to boost paddy output, he stated. Water availability project has been implemented regionwise providing adequate machinery, finance and labour, he added.

Shwebo and YeU canal systems will irrigate 37,000 acres more in Sagaing Division, this monsoon, Sedawgyi, Kinda, Zawgyi irrigation facilities will irrigate 72,000 acres more in Mandalay Division, Mone, Mann and Salin dams will irrigate 19,600 acres more in Magway Division, North Nawin, South Nawin, Taungnyo and Zaungtu dams will irrigate 84,000 acres more in Bago Division, renovated dams and canals will irrigate 2,200 acres more in...[TEXT MISSING]
[renovated] dams and canals will irrigate 44,000 acres more in Ayeyawady Division.

The minister stressed efficient supervision to meet the projected targets, saying farmers who can boost monsoon paddy per acre yield to at least 80 baskets and summer paddy per acre yield to at least 120 baskets will be honoured duly.

He also explained plans to extend cultivation of beans; cotton, sugarcane, coffee, rubber, jute and maize.

Director-General of Irrigation Department U Ohn Myint and officials took part in the discussions.

Directors-General, man of the ministry, the rector of the Institute of Agriculture and officials were also present.

(5) Photo Exhibition and Film Show on the Resumption of Exercise of Sovereignty over Hong Kong by the Government of the people's Republic of China opens

YANGON, 23 June - Photo Exhibition and Film Show on the Resumption of Exercise of Sovereignty over Hong Kong by the Government of the People's Republic of China opened at the embassy of the People's Republic of China, 94, Khayaybin Road, Dagon Township, this morning.

Present were Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Deputy Minister U Thein Sein, Director of Public Relations and Psychological

Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Ambassadors, Charge d'Affaires ai, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, Ambassador of the PRC Ms Chen Baoliu, embassy staff, members of Information Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Patron of Foreign Correspondents Club in Myanmar U Sein Win, local and foreign newsmen and guests.

(6) Minister for SWRR receives PRC Ambassador

YANGON, 23 June - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu, who has completed her tour of duty, at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Than Po, Director-General of Fire Services Department U Win Lwin, Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department U Saw Thein and officials.

(7) Lao mass media delegation calls on Deputy Minister for Information

YANGON, 23 June Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein received Lao mass media delegation led by Director Mr Bouasone Phangphavanh of Mass Media Department, Ministry of Information and Culture of Lao People's Democratic Republic at the Ministry Office on Bo Aung Kyaw Street this afternoon.

They discussed promotion of friendly relations between the two countries, exchange and promotion of media services.

Present also were Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Tin Kha, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Than Maung, Managing Director of Motion Picture Enterprise U Tin Pe, Deputy Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Aung San, Director (Admin) of Myanmar Television and Radio Department U Khin Maung Htay, Chief Editor U Kyaw Min of The New Light of Myanmar, Head of Office U Sein Win and Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham.

The media delegation visited Defence Services Museum this morning.

They were welcomed by Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut.

They studied booths of ministries, Tatmadaw (Air) and (Navy), Divisions and Commands, directorate offices of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Office, the Twelve Objectives and nation building and Community welfare tasks.

Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Tin Ha hosted dinner in honour of the delegation at Karaweik Hall this evening.

It was attended by Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Directors-General and Managing Directors, Deputy Director General and directors under the Ministry of Information, Patro4 president and members of Foreign Correspondent Club, Chairman and EC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Associatio4 Chief Editors, advisers and guests.

(8) Walking race to mark Olympic Day

YANGON, 23 June - Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win took part in a walking race to mark the Olympic Day at the Aung San Stadium today.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department-Col Hla Myint Kyaw and members, adviser to the Ministry of Sports Col Ngo Ciin Pau and other officials, presidents, general secretaries and athletes of various sports federations, selected athletes undergoing training for the XIX South-East Asean Games, trainees of the Sports and Physical Education Institute and Yangon Institute of Nursing and others took part.

Patron of Myanmar women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye Tint, wife of Minister Brig-Gen Sein Win, presented prizes to the winners in the men's and women's 10-kilometre running race.

(9) 25 armed group members swap arms for peace

YANGON, 23 June While the State Law and Order Restoration Council is striving to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with the 12 political, economic and social Objectives, it is also fulfilling the needs of the families of the armed groups which exchanged arms for peace after realizing their wrongs.

Armed group members are continuously exchanging arms for-peace individually and in group.

In the South-East Command area from 16 to 31 May this year, ration officer Maung Maung Soe and pvts Saw Lei Mu, Nu Rei Mu, Ta Ko Bo Ko and Ei Tha Kei of KNU armed group, treasurer Phado Thaw Phwe of No 6 brigade, wife Naw Hla Sein, wife Saw Kyi Lin and wife Monalisa, intelligence officer sub-Lt Saya Lay (a) Kyi Win of No 16 battalion exchanged arms for peace, bringing in one .38 revolver, two carbines, one AK 47 automatic, one M 16 automatic and one BA 63 automatic.

In the Northern Command area, 1/cpl Phu Hsi Sha Ah Phu and pvt Hla Shwe of ABSDF and pvt Ye Aung (a) Maung Miung of No 701 battalion exchanged arms for peace.

Pvts Saw Kun, Saw Kawt Pha, Maung Tho and wife Daw Aye Shwe, sons Win Ko Ko and Lin Naing and daughter Ma Aye Hla with one M 16 automatic and 68 rounds, and BCP (Myeik) divisional committee member Chit Than, deputy commanding officer Win Shein and wife Daw Ma Tun and daughter Ma May May Oo with one .38 revolver, one US-made grenade, one M 14 mine and 14 rounds swapped armed for peace in Taninthayi Division.

Warm welcome was accorded to them at respective military camps.
