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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This October issue is being sent out ahead of the July, August, and September issues, which are not yet complete. Our receipt of the Working People's Daily was interrupted from July 7-Sept. 16. It is now re-established and we have arranged to obtain the missing back issues; we will supply the July, August, and September issues as soon as possible.--HCMacD.

POLITICAL CRISIS

Slogans

The four political slogans launched in November 1988 appeared in most issues of The Working People's Daily throughout the month, as did the "Noble Desire" slogan begun in January 1990. We reprinted them in the January 1991 issue.

Since Jan. 3, 1991, most issues have also run the following slogan:

The interests of the State cannot be served and promoted by disturbances and instability. Join hands with the Tatmadaw in preventing disturbances and acts of instability.

From April 1989 the The Working People's Daily ran a political slogan across the bottom of each front page. This was changed to a religious slogan in August 1991, and later moved to the top of the page:

Oct. 1-2: Dananca, generosity; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 3-16: Dhammacariya ca, lawful conduct; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 17-23: Natakananca sangaho, to support the relatives; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 24-30: Annavajjani kammani, to perform faultless actions; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Oct. 31: Arati papa, to abstain from evil; this is the way to auspiciousness.

On Oct. 7, 1991, the political slogan returned, in addition to the religious slogan, in its old bottom of the page slot:

Oct. 7-31 : Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan

Cartoons

There continued to be several political cartoons in each issue. E.g.:

Oct. 1: "Those who know about themselves better feel ashamed." Myanmar to Foreigner: "We hate neither your race nor your nation." Foreigner: "So, you have nothing to hate about me?" Myanmar: No, we have. The acts of interfering the internal affairs of another nation is very loathsome."

Oct. 3: 1st Myanmar: "Oh, our country is peculiar, Aba... One who came back from underground...says he does not have a high opinion of the Thirty Comrades...he dubbed the Thirty Comrades Fascists...he also picked up a young girl to marry...He is said to have been awarded the Naing-Ngant Gon Yi Title..." 2nd Myanmar: "Oh, You! What a lot of unbelievable nonsense." 1st Myanmar: "Believe it or not but don't think it's a fable. There are said to be evidence...Well, I suppose historians will deal with that matter, Aba." [Reference is to U Nu--HCMacD]

Oct. 3: 1st Myanmar [thinking "Beware of saboteurs"]: "Every person has the duty to give information to expose destructionists." 2nd Myanmar: "Of course, otherwise our families and relatives may also meet trouble."

Oct. 3: Myanmar girl to parents: "It is my own right to marry whoever I like." Parents: "But we will in no way give our consent if you choose a foreigner as a husband."

Oct. 4: "Colonialists" with moneybag to Myanmar soldier and civilian: "Hehehe... I cannot provide assistance if there is no interest for me."

Oct. 4: "Taking training zealously." Myanmar athlete climbing stairs towards sign reading "Myanmar sports shall overwhelm the world": "To compete with the love for the nation and the race."

Oct. 7: KNU to wind-up "parallel government" and "ABSDF": "Yes, my followers. Commit demolition, robbery and murder. Then drop dead."

Oct. 7: Myanmar to girl (hot pants, T shirt) and boy (long hair, trousers, skull on T shirt): "Are you true Myamars?" Response: "Yes" Myanmar: "Do you love Myanmarpyi?" Response: "Very much." Myanmar: "You want to see Myanmar traditional culture become extinct?" Response: "No." Myanmar: "So, be decent, don't be decadent, observe culture."

Oct. 7: 1st Myanmar: "Video known as 'The Edge of Burma' was telecast once on TV Myanmar. It was shot by KNU terrorists. Where did they come? They claimed that they came from Mesopotamia. They said they were Caucasians." 2nd Myanmar: "If so, they better return to the place they come from. They should be received there since they are the same race. To say in commercial terms, I would like to even include Sein Win parallel government, NDF, CRDB, ABSDF... and BBC listeners." 1st Myanmar: "Yes, they will not become Caucasians but they are sure to be Kaw-Kan-Kar."

Oct. 9: 1st Myanmar: "What is the meaning of duty-conscious citizen, Aba?" 2nd Myanmar: "It means the person who provides information to authorities to expose and hinder the dangers of the State and the people; who performs duties conscientiously and who

stays within the framework of law."

Oct. 12: Civilian: "It is said that the Kayin terrorists infiltrated the Delta." Solder: "Don't worry, Aba. The Tatmadaw in every era crushes all the terrorists brilliantly." Civilian: So, we the people will also join hands with the Tatmadaw to crush the terrorist."

Oct. 14: 1st Myanmar: "Aba, why did our people have to address the colonialists `Phaya' or `Thakin'?" 2nd Myanmar: "Because of the causes which Saya Pe depicts as...`we lost sovereignty due to the lack of discipline...'"

Oct. 14: 1st Myanmar: "Here's the good news. In our country the earth will bear fruits of gold; something to be happy and proud about it." 2nd Myanmar: "The news states that well No. 45 of Shwepyitha oil and gas field in Manaung is producing crude oil on commercial basis daily."

Oct. 14: One Myanmar to another: "You will not survive long if you are concerned only with getting power by using the cover of democracy without any interest in national objectives."

Oct. 18: Myanmar to Old Man: "Oh, Uncle Byauk-O, why are you so quiet? Now there are many voices floating around..." Old Man: "Don't worry about that Ko Shwe Mbegyo. We've already cited pattha parita to keep out all dangers, and, as I've signed, I am afraid that it will be my responsibility, if there is any disturbance. That's why I am quiet. Let it be. They are correlated to one another... Due to being British subject perhaps...Hehehehe..."

Oct. 18: 1st Myanmar: "It is very confusing, Uncle Byauk. When Myanmar Naing-Ngan regained independence, the President was Sao Shwe Thaik. Later, the President was Sir Ba Oo. He was the one who handed down death sentence to anti-imperialist leader Saya San according to the wish of colonialists. Such person could become a President smartly during the AFPFL parliamentary era." 2nd Myanmar: "Oh, is that so. Those law experts may be very scarce in that AFPFL era. Tut...tut...tut..."

Oct. 19: "They will be punished for their sins and misdeeds." Myanmar [thinking "ABSDF"] reading newspaper: "The group which went underground screaming to bring about democracy in Myanmarpyi is now sending saboteurs to explode bombs and killing innocent people. What's their act? That's their way of showing how much they love for the nation and the people. Heck!"

Oct. 21: Son: "Papa, it is very heartening to learn that a big amount of arms and ammunition were seized in Delta and Tanintharyi Thayetchaung region from enemies due to the operations jointly waged by Tatmadawmen and people. Many enemies were captured dead." Father: "Yes, son. These stupid guys are still committing misdeeds though they know the dynamic combatting capability of the Tatmadaw... Their destiny is at a dead-end. They will soon be annihilated." Mother: "Why don't BBC and VOA broadcast such news?"

Oct. 22: 1st Myanmar: "Shouldn't Perez de Cuellar and Mandela have won the Nobel Prize? That is our view... That is Myanmar view." 2nd Myanmar: "That's right... That's right. But it is surprising that they haven't won this prize, just like howling up the wrong tree. Haa!Haa!"

Oct. 23: 1st Myanmar: "It's all right that U Nu and Sein Win parallel governments are not supported. It is also necessary not to support terrorist KNU Nga Mya, KIA Brang Seng, BCP UGs Kyin Maung and Kyaw Mya, and Tanintharyi BCP-terrorists who have been causing disturbances since the attainment of independence." 2nd Myanmar: "Yes, it's true. Yes, there are still those who are more experienced and far-sighted. They should also say something."

Oct. 26: 1st Myanmar woman: "Just think of it! Under the name of democracy, a man is tied up, his shin rolled with wooden roller, given shocks with 30 volts, flesh chopped off from his thighs, legs and cheeks and finally bludgeoned to death. How cruel!" 2nd Myanmar woman: "Yes, the armed terrorists has no scruple, no law. Their democracy is lawless democracy...a kind of democracy in which they kill anyone they like to kill...it is kill-as-like democracy."

Oct. 28: Underground Parallel Government: "We are supported by neither the people nor the parties." Myanmar: " Hahaha. Hence, there is only one thing left for you to do... Drop dead!"

Oct. 28: Father to trousered son: "You are sent abroad for further study neither to become conceited nor to get a high opinion of all that's foreign but to strive hard for the development of our people. Don't forget that, my son."

Oct. 30: Soldier simultaneously offering flowers to a civilian and pointing a gun at a fleeing insurgent: "Our today's Tatmadaw is... Just like cool water or pleasant moon when dealing with the people... And like intense fire or scorching sun when dealing with enemies."

Oct. 31: 1st Myanmar: "If one were to make a study of an epoch..." 2nd Myanmar: "...for that one must make a study of the pronouncements and speeches of the leaders...during the period of struggle for independence, there are the speeches of Bogyoke Aung San; during the period of AFPFL parliamentary era, there are speeches of the then Prime Minister; for the period of the Caretaker Government there are the addresses delivered by the Prime Minister of that period...and then of course for the period of the Revolutionary Council, there are the speeches given by the Revolutionary Council Chairman... then for the period of the Lanzin Party...there are the speeches of the Lanzin Party Chairman...after that, for the period of the People's Government which emerged on the basis of the 1974 Constitution, there are the speeches given by President of that Government..." 1st Myanmar: "Then, what about for the period of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Government..." 2nd Myanmar: "Oh, you dunce..! there are of course the speeches given by the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman...these are historical and revolutionary speeches... these are policies...these must be carefully read, studied, remembered, adhered to, propagated and practically utilized in practise..."

Official Books and Periodicals

Officially published books and periodicals are advertised or publicised regularly. These were featured this month:

Foreign subscriptions to Working People's Daily.

Book (in Burmese) on Military Tactics (Sold out/Second printing under way); Second printing available Oct. 7.

Book (in Burmese) on alliance of the DAB and parallel government with insurgents; to be distributed Oct. 11.

Nga Ba, by Maung Htin. English language version of novel available Oct. 11.

Series of books on classical literature (in Burmese).

Book on World War II Thai-Myanmar Railway (in Burmese); previously published in Japan.

Political Articles

Following the pattern begun in October 1988, each issue contains lengthy feature articles, translated from Burmese, designed to bolster government views and policies. Editorials sometimes touched on similar themes. We note them briefly, with excerpts of typical or particularly significant portions:

Oct. 1-9: China-Myanmar goodwill visits of great historic significance, by Bo Thamani. [Cont. (13-21) Review of visits in both directions since 1949. "Pauk-phaw" {relative} relationship between the two countries recalled. Myanmar gave 1,500 tons of rice to China for flood victims after the May-June 1991 Chinese floods, and China will give interest-free loans of Yuan 50 million to Myanmar and construct a Television Station (CH-5 project).]

Oct. 1-3,5: First-person accounts of the 17-9-88 incident at the Ministry of Trade, by A Tatmadaw Officer. [Cont. (8-11) Military account of incident.]

Oct. 2,7-9,14-16,18-20,22-31: Post independence press in retrospect (1948-1958), by Shwe Kalaung. [Cont. (59-78) Political divisiveness in the Myanmar press.]

Oct. 3: Fitness--A Positive Force, by Ivan King. [Cont. Remembering old stars so as to reinvigorate sports; e.g., Suzanne Lenglen, the Barotras, and Fred Perry in tennis; Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney in golf; Jack Hobbs and Don Bradman in cricket. "It is the past that has made this Today; and will make the Tomorrows."]

Oct. 7-10, 12-15: From the Ministry of Trade to the Battle of Methawaw, by A Tatmadaw Soldier. [(1-8) Tatmadaw reminiscences of attack on KNU stronghold.]

Oct. 12: I feel ashamed for the 'chickens without bones', by Yadanabon Maung Hmat. [Heroic Gen. Maha Bandoola contrasted with his cowardly son, who surrendered to the British, and political parties denouncing Sein Win.]

Oct. 16-17: Those who are not ashamed of themselves (Thitsa-Myitta Discussions), by Byammahso. [BBC allied to KNU terrorists. Shameful acts of Sein Win and U Nu; of US in blaming foreigners for its crime and drugs, etc. The VOA and BBC "are nothing but people who do not feel ashamed of themselves."]

Oct. 20-22: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Reporter. [Cont. {from Sept. 21} (147-149) War against insurgency.]

Oct. 21: No encroaching on Myanmar's essential jurisdiction, by Kyaw Thura. [As Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw said at the UNGA, UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar was right in warning against using human rights as an excuse for encroaching on the domestic jurisdiction of States.]

Oct. 21-24: Who's Who Hereabouts, by Po Toke. [I: The Backers and the Doomsayers. BBC and VOA backing terrorists. "Rumour-mongers and evil broadcasts are a great help...toward further price-rises, instability and insecurity." II: Plain as plain can be. "The Tatmadaw has been, is, and will always be going after armed terrorists under whatever name in the interests of internal stability" The KNU Delta offensive crushed. III: What we write with our hands.... "Just as the terrorists are flushed out, those working hand in glove with the terrorists, overtly or covertly, must be made to understand that they cannot do...[it] with impunity." IV: Public Indignation at KNU misdeeds.]

Oct. 23: For good conduct of persons in service, by An Observer. [Review of rules of conduct for government employees. "In sum, what is required of all persons in service is to be loyal to the State, to abide by laws and services rules and work to the best of their ability for the good of the country and the people, avoiding any association with party politics or committing 'anti' speech, behaviour and activities, always mindful that they have been given the final warning."]

Oct. 24-26: The story of Myanmar conscripted labourers forced to work in the construction of Thai-Myanmar Railway Road, by Soe Nyunt. [(1-3) Review of Thai-Burma Mee Yahgta Lan Ko Twe Chway Tat Hmat Tan (The Record of Own Experiences on Thai-Myanmar Conscripted Labour Force) by Linyone Thit Lwin. Neo-colonialists "still striving to enslave us."]

Oct. 27-31: The task of ensuring constant development of Myanmar language and literature, by Soe Nyunt. [(1-5) Promote Myanmar culture; British efforts to wipe it out during colonial period; Myanmar culture has flourished "for thousands of years"; re-birth of Myanmar literature in 1916.]

Oct. 27: KIA involvement in narcotic drugs, by An Observer. [Revelations of Lazum Gamli {see Oct. 11 Press Conference} revisited.]

Press Conference

Oct. 11: : At the 112th State LORC Press Conference, spokesman Lt-Col. Ye Htut discussed KIA involvement with narcotics, adding that "The governments of foreign countries know of this fact" and that one country had refused Brang Seng a visa on narcotics grounds. He said stories, such as those in the October 11 Asiaweek, about KIA opposition to drugs, were lies.

-- Speaking of KNU activity in the Delta, he said that the

number of KNU terrorists who had entered the Delta region was not more than 100, and they were being crushed. He noted a DAB statement, quoted in Thailand, that Bo Mya had ordered a general offensive in the Delta and everywhere else in Myanmar.

-- Three recent defectors told their stories about the KIA. Lazum Gamli of the ABSDF 701 Regiment turned himself in at Momauk on Oct. 1, Soe Kyaing at Bhamo on Oct. 2, and Thet Tin at Bhamo on Oct. 6. They told of rape, torture, and narcotics activities.

-- Lazum Gamli, a student from Bhamo, said inter alia: "There is no KIA leader who does not grow opium poppies. All leaders, followers and their families grow opium poppy and have to turn all opium produced over to the KIA. They collect, at ten ticals per viss.... In April 1989, I saw heroin in about 20 buckets and knapsacks, and when I asked one KIA terrorist of the weight, he replied that there were a total of 20 kilos.... I later learned that some of the KIA leaders were addicted to heroin. The KIA is the most notorious in drug abuse.... Just as their leaders, almost all KIA followers abuse heroin, stealthily as it might be insulting to their leaders if the abuse is in the presence of their leaders...."

-- He told how one Sai Maung Maung from Myitkyina, suspected of being a Tatmadaw spy, was tortured at length with electricity, and when he confessed, was beaten to death.

-- During training, Lazum Gamli said their camp was visited by a reporter, a naval captain from Taiwan and party. He learned that Bertil Lintner visited in Jan. 1991. At Mupon camp, "another reporter, a colonel of the US Marine, and his wife visited there. James Linbawm, the personal assistant to KIA Chairman Brnag Seng, was a Kachin national living in Sweden, and he came together with the foreigners.... The foreigners were told that these villages no longer grow opium poppy, and they were taken back...." (WPD 10/12)

-- After looking at films showing the killing of people at Uru Chaung, and asking about jails and treatment for addicts (Brang Seng said there weren't any), "the Marine colonel then said that they were abusing human rights, that what they said they were doing was for the cause of human rights and they desired democracy was not true. He said that they could not accept this. The KIAs were very embarrassed to hear that We heard later that, the foreigners told KIA terrorists they would build airstrips for emergency landing once opium had been wiped out and that they inspected the site for construction of the airstrip. We also learned that they visited the area to equip the KIA terrorists with arms suitable to their geographical locations.... We, NBS, also had the chance to talk with them.... Than Gyaung and Myo Win told them that...the NBS were fighting the [SLORC] Government, that they wanted aid for the training programmes, that they wanted some food and medical aid. The Marine colonel said he would submit this matter to the higher authorities. About two days after the return of the Marine colonel, two Japanese reporters came to the area on 18 August 1991...to study opium plantations.... "

-- Thet Tin told at length and in detail how KIA interrogators tortured and killed students suspected of being from military intelligence. He finally escaped after being mistreated. He described how KIA leaders used girl students (yemays) for sex, and produced opium, "most of which is sent to the western bank of the Ayeyarwady." He was told that "on TV and at [KIA] press conferences, the persons had to say according to what they were told to say and they were told to say things which were not true and that they were told to say these at gun-point. These are all lies...."

-- Thet Tin said that "the foreign contacts were that in January 1989, before our training started, Bertil Lintner of FEER magazine came. He took documentary photographs and asked students what kind of assistance they wanted.... Later in February, reporters, said to be from Switzerland and Australia, arrived. They took documentary video films while we were undergoing training Japanese reporters came to liaison camp. I do not definitely know when that was.... I learnt that a colonel from the US Marines came. I

only heard about it but I did not see him... What I do know definitely was the arrival of two reporters from Australia during the second week of August 1991...."

-- Soe Kyaing said he was a farmer drafted by student guerrillas as a porter, who escaped after a month.

-- In response to questions, the following information was given:

There were 500 people in ABSDF Northern Burma, of whom only remain. The KIA has 50 students under arrest, of whom 6 have been killed.

The KIA story that the Myanmar Government supported narcotics "was concocted by a foreign country to cause doubt," and the stories of torture were true and not invented to gain leniency.

ABSDF headquarters is in Manerplaw, Kayin State. The Northern Central "subsisted on the support of the KIA."

The strength of the regiments of NB (Northern Burma) is 300, with four regiments: 401, 501, 701, and 702. Mupon camp is on the south, four days trekking from the Liaison camp in the north.

The BCP has been demolished, and there "were no remnants of the BCP in the Bhamo area."

They personally saw Bertil Lintner when he came to the camp.

The ABSDF was originally led by Tun Aung Kyaw, but is now led by Moe Thee Zun. (WPD 10/13)

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt's Warning

Oct. 4: In a lengthy speech (full text printed) to Government department heads at the Ministry of Defence, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt warned that civil servants and military must abide by all laws relating to them, stay away from politics, and be loyal to the State, or face "effective action." Relevant statutes and rules were displayed. (WPD 10/5-6)

Warning Editorial

Oct. 14: "Stop the deception; be correct [Editorial]. The Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs...issued Declaration of Warning No. 1 on... 4th September 1991.... The Declaration added, political parties and some service personnel who have been carrying out deceptive activities against the Government (The Tatmadaw) are hereby warned to stop doing so forthwith.... Those committed to leading the country must avoid deceptive means of wresting leadership, and also avoid putting their self-interest and the interest of their parties in the forefront.

"Moreover, State employees...must honestly prove they are worthy of the faith and trust the State places in them. Instead of deception, instead of giving self-interest priority, they must think, speak and act responsibly, and discharge their duties exerting their all for the benefit of the citizen and the State, showing highest regard for faithfulness and allegiance.

"More recently...Yangon...Commander Maj-Gen Myo Nyunt reminded...the nation, of the significance of the aforesaid Declaration of Warning No. 1, even going into military Staff Duty interpretation of the term 'on behalf of', or acting on deputed authority for someone. The gravity of the term, or its implication, specially its misuse, rather than use, must be taken into full cognizance by politicians, State employees and all citizens lest they run afoul of the law and get into trouble." (WPD 10/14)

Gen. Saw Maung's Speech

Oct. 28: Addressing Chairmen of State/Division LORCs, State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung said [full text]:

I will speak only a little in my meeting with the Command Commanders, Division Commanders and the Chairmen of State and Division Law and Order Restoration Councils.

On my part I have said, to a considerable extent, what ought to be said. I tell only the truth. We have held the election we promised. That's why I'll speak briefly and go straight to the point.

What is important is:

- (1) don't let your own integrity be lost no matter whoever loses his;
- (2) don't violate the laws although others may be violating the laws;
- (3) don't let yourself be deceived whoever deceives to whatever extent;
- (4) although one is wise one seldom has presence of mind;
- (5) do your work with presence of mind, diligence and wisdom;
- (6) rely on yourselves;
- (7) do your work with determination, diligence, perseverance, zeal and courage.
- (8) it is cause that produces effect; believe that effect in turn becomes cause; this is the Pathana preached by the Enlightened One.

In this regard I will take this opportunity to elaborate a little. There are preachings by the Sayadaws. One Sayadaw said, "Do things with presence of mind, diligence and wisdom." Another Sayadaw said that there is "Vijja, Carana, Sampanna" at the Pavarana ceremony held on the Fullmoon of Thadinkyut. Another Sayadaw said that there were diplomatic relations between one country and another on the basis of the teachings of Lord Buddha.

I have once told you. To tell the truth is Truth. I only tell the truth. I have shown to those who ought to be shown the evidence on which I based the truth. If you, the Command Commanders, the Division Commanders and the Chairmen of State and Division Law and Order Restoration Councils, have not seen them, take a look at them. I have all the evidence in connection with what I have said.

What is happening today is that some people, in spite of their being Buddhists, are not free from the 10 Duccarita (Evil Conduct)-- three committed through deeds, four committed through words and three committed through thoughts.

To put it in a nutshell, even the difference between "Anicca" (impermanence) and "Marana" (death) is not known.

The difference between some nations and ours is that they say that they eat food with their eyes and we eat food with our mouths. This, one and all know.

They do not clearly know the difference between Mind and Matter. A people live according to their own mentality. They do not understand the Myanmar mentality. Everybody has his own mentality. It is natural that there will be things which one and others have the same attitude and there will still be others towards which one and others have different attitudes. We have formed the commissions concerned in connection with parties, law and history.

Every service personnel must do his or her own work. As for the members of the Tatmadaw, we have to perform the duties of the State on the one hand; what is important (for the members of the Tatmadaw) in performing their original duty, is to work in co-operation with members of the Sangha and the people for ensuring the prevalence of peace and tranquillity, peace of mind of the people and the rule of law. Firmly bear in mind that Constitution is the concern of all the citizens of the nation.

In order to be able to adopt plans to crush the terrorists, present at this meeting correct reports of the prevailing situations as well as facts. If you have other things to present, speak frankly and openly and present facts. We will do as far and as much as we can. Don't present things which cannot be undertaken or which cannot be put into practise. I would like to tell you not to entertain such an attitude as "he has outdone me" or vice versa in presenting matters.

As regards Samvega, take cognizance of the impermanence of things in accordance with Minister Ananda Thuriya's poem which begins with "Thu-di ta-yauk kaung-bo yauk mu" If and when a person is to do well... "In doing your work hold form to the teachings "Su, Ci, Pu, Bha, Vi, Li, Si, Dha" of Shin Maha Ratthasara.

I will tell you a little the meaning of the teachings "Su, Ci,

Pu, Bha, Vi, Li, Si, Dha." The passage is "Bear these eight initials of the words of Su, Ci, Pu, Bha, Vi, Li, Si, Dha as one wears a garland of flowers everyday" and I will explain this passage. The definition of these is as follows:

Su - Suneya - One should listen and learn
Ci - Cinteya - One should think
Pu - Puccheya - One should ask
Bha - Bhaseya - One should speak out
Vi - Visareya - One should analyze and assess
Li - Likheya - One should note down
Si - Sikkheya - One should practise
Dha - Dhareya - One should learn by heart

There is one thing I would like to tell the organizations and persons concerned. Stop saying things according to your whims and fancies; stop spreading rumours; stop spreading fabricated and false news; stop putting blame on others while you yourselves pretend to be good and stop making false accusations. Don't deceive the nation; don't deceive the people.

I urge you...make up your mind to do, to the best of your ability, what ought to be done, in the interests of the State as well as in the interests of the people. That's all. (WPD 10/29)

ELECTIONS

Party Registration Changes

Party registration changes announced by the General Election Commission [in order of Party].

(2) National League for Democracy. U Shwe has resigned as CEC member and is expelled from NLD membership for failure to notify the party in advance of his resignation as an elected Pyithu Hluttaw member. (WPD 10/18)

(24) Mon National Democratic Front. New address is 4 (1st fl.) Dawei Tadar Road, Mayangonn Ward, Mawlamyine [Mon]. (WPD 10/18)

(42) Patriotic Old Comrades League. CEC member U Shwe has resigned. (WPD 10/18)

(189) Karen National Congress for Democracy. JGS Saw Melvin Aye Wai has resigned. (WPD 10/18)

(198) Union People's Future and Democracy Party. CEC member U Soe Naing has resigned. (WPD 10/18)

(200) Anti-Communist, Anti-Socialist, Anti-Totalitarian Free Democracy League. Patron U Aung Hkun Swe, Org. U Nay Win Saw, and CEC members U Myint Aung, U Saw Harry, and U Aye Myint have resigned. New officers are GS U Sein Win; JGS U Than Myint (a) U Myint. (WPD 10/18)

(219) People's Peasant Union (Union of Myanmar). Patrons Bo Aung Naing and Bo Nyo Maung and CEC members Bo Ya Byat and Bo Sein Oo have changed their titles from "Bo" to "U". (WPD 10/18)

Parties Denounce U Nu & Sein Win

Oct. 1: Election Commission Press Release No. 30/91 of Oct. 1 quotes repudiations of the parallel governments of U Nu and Sein Win Parallel Governments by six political parties [numbers added], e.g.:

(2) National League for Democracy: "that it does not support the parallel government of U Nu but objects; that it does not support the expatriate group led by Sein Win and the formation of expatriate government by Sein Win; that it also objects to the declaration made that the expatriate group led by Sein Win represents the National League for Democracy; and that it denounces the joining up of expatriate group led by Sein Win with KNU terrorist Nga Mya's group."

(42) Patriotic Old Comrades League. "that U Nu's Pa Hta Sa Government became null and void with effect from 2-3-62 when the Revolutionary Council assumed the powers of the State...and therefore it does not...support U Nu's parallel government and strongly objects to it. Moreover, the group of Sein Win parallel government made a deceptive announcement that over 200 elected NLD Hluttaw representatives gave support to the formation of coalition government in exile; that as many members of Patriotic Old Comrades League were

elected...as representatives of the [NLD] and therefore, the announcement is totally untrue; that the parallel government ...has totally gone beyond the law Since they are not only active in co-operation with the terrorist groups...but their activities are contrary to its [the POCL's] policies and programmes and therefore, it does not support in the least Sein Win's parallel government and strongly objects to it."

(33) Democratic Labour Party (Myanmar). "...as regards Sein Win ...: Ah-chok-tan Saya Hpay's song written over a century ago when... King Thibaw was forcibly sent into exile most strikingly illustrated the causes for the universal rejection and condemnation of...U Nu and of Sein Win. `With malevolence against own Myanmar; as cut-throats and robbers; if they a "kala" see, they would _____ even their own mothers; now hiding underground; evil their motives, criminal their intents; but against their step-fathers they'd not even as much bark; the bitter aspects of history must needs be told; like dogs they greet on bended knees their masters. My heart is rent whenever I think of it. Has our race been reduced to this? I feel like cursing the entire race': and hence it does not support the parallel government led by Sein Win."

(19) People's Volunteer Organization (Myanmar). "it did not support the parallel government of U Nu from the very time it was formed;... they do not support the Sein Win expatriate group which has joined hands with terrorist groups in the jungle"

(98) Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (Original) (Hq) AFPFL (Original Hq). "it does not have any faith in practices of taking over the powers of the State by a parallel government...after being influenced by foreign governments... and becoming their lackeys...[as have] U Nu's... and Sein Win's parallel government[s]...."

(88) National Democratic Party for Human Rights. U Nu's "actions made the Myanmar history more complicated and were not good traditions.... Sein Win's parallel government...was formed with the underground terrorists...that the formation of parallel government instead of framing a constitution is an evil historical tradition...."

"Presentations of the remaining political parties will be made known in brief by the Commission." (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 2: Election Commission Press Release No. 31/91 of Oct. 2 quotes repudiations of the parallel governments of U Nu and Sein Win by eight more parties:

(8) Democratic Front for National Reconstruction (Union of Myanmar);

(28) National Progressive Youth of Myanmar;

(112) League of Peasants'Unions;

(72) Union for the Improvement of Myanmar Women (Central Headquarters);

(187) Lisu National Solidarity;

(214) United Nationalities League for Democracy;

(89) Free People League of Myanmar;

(198) Union People's Future and Democracy Party.

The following limerick was submitted:

POWER-MANIAC SEIN WIN

Counting on step-father, despite a natural father;

Counting on step-mother, despite a natural mother;

Count as you count and go as you go,

But remember when you return,

You wanton traitor,

Worthless as a shattered drum,

Know that even a janitor's job

You'll be lucky to find

Much less hope for premiership.

(WPD 10/3)

Oct. 3: Election Commission Press Release No. 32/91 of Oct. 3 quotes repudiations of the parallel governments by eight more parties:

(114) United Trade Union Congress (Union of Myanmar);

- (27) Myanmar Naing-Ngan Democratic People's Power Organization;
- (17) National Unity Party;
- (13) Union Karen League;
- (134) Shan State Kokang Democratic Party;
- (55) Peasants' Unity Organization;
- (74) Karen National Congress for Democracy;
- (31) Chin National League for Democracy. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 4: Election Commission Press Release No. 33/91 of Oct 4 quotes repudiations of the parallel governments by eleven more parties:

- (56) Youth Unity Organizaton;
 - (200) Anti-Communist, Anti-Socialist, Anti-Totalitarian Free Democracy League;
 - (161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters):
 - (77) Union Stability Party;
 - (177) Amyothar Party;
 - (207) Lahu National Development Party;
 - (233) Democratic Allies League;
 - (66) Democratic People's League;
 - (153) Kachin National Congress;
 - (45) Shan Nationalities League for Democracy;
 - (193) Rakhine National Humanitarian Development Organization.
- (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 5: Election Commission Press Release No. 34/91 of Oct. 5 quotes denunciations of the parallel governments by 14 more parties:

- (57) Workers' Unity Organization;
- (86) National Peace Party;
- (132) Farmer, Gadi, Ganan and Shan National Unity Headquarters (Bamauk Myo);
- (163) Kamans National League for Democracy;
- (216) League of Democratic Allies;
- (12) National Peace and Democracy Party;
- (194) Indigenous Race Collaboration Party;
- (6) Unity and Development Party;
- (162) People's Pioneer Party;
- (25) Patriotic Youth Organization;
- (84) Karen State National Organization;
- (37) United National Congress;
- (16) Arakan League for Democracy;
- (10) Graduates and Old Students Democratic Association. (WPD

10/6)

Oct. 15: Election Commission Press Release No. 35/91 of Oct. 15 quotes denunciations of the parallel governments by 7 more parties:

- (36) Democracy League for the National Races of the Shan State;
- (74) Kachin State National Congress for Democracy;
- (7) Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League;
- (63) Kayah State All Nationalities League for Democracy;
- (30) Zomi National Congress;
- (170) Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization;
- (151) Peasants' Development Party. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 16: Election Commission Press Release No. 36/91 of Oct. 16 quotes denunciations of the parallel governments by 18 more parties:

- (158) Union DANU League for Democracy;
- (137) Kokang Democracy and Unity Party;
- (65) Shan National Development Democratic Party (Union of Myanmar);
- (85) Union Paoh National Organization;
- (166) Mara People's Party;
- (96) Arakan Nationalities Democracy Party;
- (152) Shan State Kachin Democratic Party;
- (185) Wa National Development Party;
- (52) Naga Hills Regional Progressive Party;
- (122) Union of Myanmar Unity Democracy League;
- (165) Democratic Organization for Kayin National Unity;
- (21) The Kachin State National Democratic Party;
- (5) All-Myanmar United Youths Organization;

(219) People's Peasants Union (Union of Myanmar);
(18) Democratic Party for New Society;
(3) People's Democratic Party;
(167) Union Nationals Democracy Party;
(133) Ta-ang (Palaung) National League for Democracy. (WPD
10/17)

19 NLD Hluttaws Defy Sein Win

Oct. 6: Election Commission Announcement No. 971 of Oct. 6 reports that 19 more NLD Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have denounced Sein Win and his parallel government:

Kayin: U Kyin Thein (Kya-in Seikkyi-2)
Sagaing: U Tin Maung (Kelaywa); U Ohn Kyaing (Homalin-1); U Hla Thein (Homalin-2)
Tanintharyi: U Khin Maung Oo (Kyunsu)
Bago: Dr. Myo Win (Kawa-1); U Saw Sein Tun (Nattalin-2); U Hla Aung (Monyo-1); U Tun Shwe (Monyo-2)
Magway: U Tha Aung (Myothit-1); U Chit Htwe (Myothit-2)
Mandalay: Dr. Soe Myint (Sintgaing-1); Dr. Hla Soe Myint (Sintgaing-2); U Hla Saw Oo (Pyin Oo Lwin-1); U Thaug Tin (Wundwin-1); U Hla Aung (Wundwin-2); U Thein Maung (Thazi-1); U Maung Maung Lay (Thazi-2)
Shan: U Sai Aung Than (Hsipaw-2)

The total number of NLD Hluttaw Representatives who have declared they do not support Sein Win's expatriate group totals 263. (WPD 10/7)

NLD Hluttaw Member Resigns

Oct. 7: Election Commission Announcement No. 972 of Oct. 7 states that U Shwe, NLD Pyithu Hluttaw Representative for Hline-1, has resigned on health grounds. (WPD 10/8)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

The following calls were paid on Burmese officials by foreign Embassy or UN officials accredited to Burma.

Oct. 4: Egyptian Ambassador Dr. Adel Abbass Ed Adawy on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 7: British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland Swann on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 11: Thai Naval Attaches Capt. Chuchard Keshasathira and Capt. Kritep Phamorabuttra on Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 22: Egyptian Ambassador Dr. Adel Abbass El-Adawy on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 30: New Zealand Ambassador Harle Freeman-Greene on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 10/31)

Thai Plane Returned

Oct. 4: The Royal Thai Air Force plane that made an emergency landing in Bago Twp. on Sept. 28 was handed over to Thai Ambassador Surapong Posayanond. The one-engine L-19 left for Thailand. (WPD 10/5)

Laos Boundary Markers Set

Oct. 15: Ceremonies to mark the installation of the first boundary reference markers along the Mekong River between Myanmar and Laos were held at Mouang Mom village, Bokeo province, in Laos and at Wan Pom village, Tachilek Township, in Myanmar, attended by Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Maung Maung Lay, and Laos Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kideng Thammavong. The first phase of demarcation was from Jan.-May 1991; the second will run from Oct. 1991-May 1992. The whole Mekong River boundary will be demarcated during this dry season. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 15: Ceremonies were held at Meinmaw village, Laos, and

Wunpong village, Myanmar. Present were the Myanmar and Lao Ambassadors, 77th LID Commander Brig-Gen. Ket Sein, and Boundary Committee Technical leaders Commander San Myint (Navy) (Myanmar) and Mr. Ouan Phommachack (Laos), etc. (WPD 10/20)

Ambassador to Nepal

Oct. 15: Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal U Hla Myint Oo left for Nepal. (WPD 10/16)

Thailand Returns Myanmars

Oct. 20: Thailand returned 222 illegal emigrants to Kawthoung Township on Oct. 10. They included 128 men, 93 women, and a child. 37 children under 16 were lectured and released, and the others were fined. All were given blood tests for HIV infection. It was determined that they "were not absconders and had had no connection with terrorist organizations and that they were only casual workers, the unemployed and destitutes...." (WPD 10/21)

Egyptian Ambassador Approved

Oct. 22: The Myanmar Government has approved the nomination of Mr. Mohamed Hasam Ghanem as Egyptian Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Ghanem was born Oct. 24, 1939, and "had higher studies in literature in 1961." After joining the Diplomatic Service he served in Baghdad, Copenhagen, Abidjan, and Belgrade, and at present is in the Department of People's Assembly in the Foreign Ministry. He holds the Tunisian Order of the Republic and the Danish Order. (WPD 10/22)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops and Courses

Oct. 15: A Workshop for Process-based Learning focused on "Facts for Life" opened at the Yangon Teachers Training College, under the joint sponsorship of the Basic Education Department, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNICEF. Present were UNICEF education consultant Mr. Charles Currin, UNESCO adviser Mr. Rex Kerrison, and chief technical adviser Mr. Rupert Maclean. 35 participants from education will participate in the workshop, which will last until Oct. 29. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 17: A Workshop on Improved Educational Planning and Administration for Teacher Education and a Workshop on Evaluation and Research in Education opened at the Yangon Teachers Training College, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Education, UNESCO, and UNDP. They will last until the end of October, and include 117 participants. (WPD 10/18)

Foreign Donations

See also Meiktila Fire and Ayeyarwady Flood relief.

Oct. 7: Myanmar-Singapore International Ltd. donated K500,000 to the Kya Kyaung Technical School for orphans. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 25: A Thai-Myanmar goodwill Kathina robe-offering ceremony was held in Maha Theindawgyi on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon in the presence of Myanmar and Thai Sayadaws. Thai donors led by Lampam Mayor Chao Siri Ratana, and U Htein Win, proprietor of Thai Young Agricultural Products Co. Ltd. donated robes. Dr. U Tha Hla handed over "the royal fan donated by Thailand to Mingun Sayadaw." (WPD 10/26)

Myanmar Gets LIGURIA Prize

Oct. 1: The "LIGURIA Prize"--International Technology for Development Prize given by the International Centre for People Development in Genoa, Liguria, Italy, including a silver plate for first prize and US\$20,000, was awarded to the National Nutritional Centre of the Myanmar Department of Health, jointly with the Integrated Child Development Services of India. (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 29: The prize was delivered to Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training

Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/30)

Colombo Plan Meeting

Oct. 3: The Central Organizing Committee for 34th Colombo Plan Consultative Committee Meeting met under the chairmanship of Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel and Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. The meeting will bring representative of 26 Colombo Plan nations to Yangon from Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 1992. (WPD 10/4)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Visitors

Oct. 11: Asia and the Pacific Regional Chairman Mr. Jim Worsham of Guinness Peat Aviation (GPA) Co. of the Republic of Ireland called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss the purchase and hire of MD-83s and Boeing 737s by Myanma Airways. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 24: Vice-Chairman Mr. Jack Lai of Poly Lite Corp. Ltd. and party called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein to discuss "production of plaster and medicine." (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 25: The China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation demonstrated its Y-8 transport aircraft at Yangon Airport. Representing the company were Vice-Chairman Mr. Zhao Mingqi and Managing Director Mr. Li Shang Hui. The Y-8 carries 20,000 kilos, flies 550 kilometres per hour, and has a range of 5,615 kilometres. (WPD 10/26)

Academic and Non-Profit Visitors

Oct. 11: Far East Region Executive Director Dr. John F. Sipkens of the Adventist Development and Rehabilitation Agency called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/12)

International Agency Visitors

Oct. 4: Mr. Brian C. Baldwin of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) called on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt to discuss opium substitution crops and border development. (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 8: Assistant Director Mr. Kadhim Al-Eyd of the Asian Department of the International Monetary Fund called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, accompanied by IMF/UNDP Co-ordinator Mr. Nigel Bradshaw and UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Gerd Merrem, to discuss IMF-executed UNDP projects. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 15: Dr. Merman Folmer of the Royal Tropical Institute of the Netherlands, in Myanmar as a short-term WHO consultant, and Mr. Charles Currin of UNICEF, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/16)

Korean Aid Delegation

Sept. 30: Mr. Jee Joon Yoon, Executive Director of the Korea International Co-operation Agency, accompanied by Planning Division Head Mr. Hae Kyoonyi called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/1)

Yunnan Delegations

Oct. 1: The delegation from Yunnan Province, China, led by Vice Governor Jin Ren-Qing, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 10/2) // Oct. 2: The delegation left. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 11: A delegation headed by Yunnan Province Vice Prefecture Chief Mr. Liu Dapin, on a two-week visit, called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen.

Chit Swe, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 16: A delegation led by Director and Rector Dr. Sun Handong of the Kunming University of Botany arrived. (WPD 10/17) // Oct. 17: It called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/18) // Oct. 30: The delegation left. (WPD 10/31)

Oct. 30: A cultural delegation headed by Deputy Director Ma Sun Wei of the Yunnan Province Cultural Department arrived under the cultural exchange program. It will remain for two weeks, and will visit Nyaung-U, Pagan [sic], Mandalay and Taunggyi. (WPD 10/31)

Orbis Flying Hospital

Oct. 10: Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein received Mr. Charles Burbury of the "Project Orbis" Flying Hospital, for a "preliminary discussion on the visit of the flying hospital here." (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 26: The Orbis mobile hospital aircraft with a staff of 39 led by President Mr. Oliver Foot of the Orbis Project in New York City, arrived. It is a DC-8, with ophthalmologists, surgeons, nurses, teaching aids and operation theatres, and will remain in Myanmar until Nov. 15, treating eye diseases and conducting education. During the last 10 years, Orbis has given lectures on treatment of eye diseases to over 10,000 ophthalmologists, and treated over 10,000 patients in 65 countries. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 28: Mr. Oliver Foot called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 30: Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, and Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein visited the Orbis Flying Hospital. (WPD 10/31)

UN Human Rights Experts

Oct. 21: Prof. Yozo Yokota, "an independent expert of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights," accompanied by Senior Officer Mr. Jacob Moller of the Geneva Centre for Human Rights, arrived. (WPD 10/ 22)

Oct. 25: They called on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 27: Prof. Yokota, named by the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva on Feb. 26, 1991, arrived in Yangon Oct. 21, with Mr. Moller, and remained until Oct. 26. On Oct. 22 they called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. On Oct. 23 they visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, Dagon Myothit, and the Kaba Aye Pagoda. On Oct. 24 they visited the Pyidaungsu Aye Yeiknye, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Election Commission, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, and Attorney-General U Tha Tun. On Oct. 25 they were received by State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt.

Also on Oct. 25 they visited Insein Central Jail from 10.45 am to 12.45 pm, including the 50-bed hospital there. They met with members of the Work Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races and the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.

On the morning of Oct. 26 they "met with responsible persons from the Democratic Front for National Reconstruction (Burma), the National League for Democracy and the National Unity Party at the Manawhari Guest House and discussed matters relating to the prevailing situation of political parties and political, economic and cultural affairs of the country." They left in the evening. [1 page of photos] (WPD 10/28) [4 pages of photos] (WPD 10/29)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Sept. 30: Deputy Director Dr. Tin Nu Swe of the Medical Research Department left for Australia to attend Training in Advanced Techniques in Clinical Trials and Improved Management Techniques in Russell's Viper Bite, under WHO sponsorship. \\ U Tin Ohn and U Myo Thwin of Myanma Farms Enterprise left for Israel to attend an Oct. 1-Nov. 22 Course on Biological and Physical Aspects of Crop Production in Arid Zones. \\ Head of Biochemistry Department Dr. Htay Htay of the Institute of Medicine 1, Yangon, left for Canada to attend Training in Exercise Biochemistry under WHO auspices. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 2: Assistant Supervisor Daw Khin Saw Oo of Myanma Farms Enterprise left for Germany to attend a 1-month course on farming systems development. \\ A delegation headed by Director General U Kyi Lwin of Myanma Television and Radio left for Kunming, China, to study the setting up of small television stations. Other members are Deputy Chief Engineer U Win Naing, and Assistant Engineers U Myo Win, U Tun Kyi, and U Hlaing Myint. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 7: Assistant Manager U Tin Maung Hlaing and Senior Programmer U Maung Maung Thein of Myanma Port Authority left Oct. 5 for the Philippines to attend a seminar on application of computers in ports sponsored by ESCAP from Oct. 7-11. \\ Lecturers U Ba Moe of the Agricultural Institute in Shwebo and U Nyunt Hlaing of the Agricultural Institute in Tharyarwady left Oct. 6 for Israel to attend the international course on the Role of Schools and Agricultural Extension Services in the Rural Development sponsored by the Israeli Government. (WPD 10/ 8)

Oct. 8: Assistant Lecturer Daw Nwe Khin Win of the Patheon Teachers' Training Institute and Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Ni Ni Thein of the Basic Education Department left for Israel to attend a course on Early Childhood Education and the Child with Special Needs under an Israeli Government grant. \\ U Tun Than, Bago Division Deputy General Manager from Myanma Agricultural Service, accompanied by farmers U samuel Mauk and U Aung Than, left for Israel to attend the basic agricultural management international course for farmers. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 9: Deputy Research Officer U Htin Aung Kyaw of the Indigenous Medicine Research Department of the Central Research Organization left for India to attend an 8-week international training program on Standardization and Quality Systems for Developing Countries, held under the Colombo Plan. (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 12: Research Officer U A.A. Sebastian of the Medical Research Department left for India to attend an Oct. 14-18 Inter-country Workshop on Development of Tools and Methods for Vector Control in PHC. \\ Assistant Supervisor U Sein Win of Myanmar Farm Enterprise left for Israel to attend a 5-week international course on Crops for Arid and Semiarid Zones under Israeli government auspices. \\ Joint Secretary U Kyaw Win and Deputy Head of Administration U Myint Swe of the Yangon City Development Committee left for France to study city development activities and machinery for 10 days at the invitation of M/S Pont-A-Mousson Company. (WPD 10/13) // Oct. 27: The delegation to France returned. (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 13: Senior Research Officers U Chan Aye and U Thein Yu of the Medical Research Department left for Japan to attend UNDP courses on Machine Tools Design and Biomechanic Techniques and Digital Electronic Technology respectively. \\ General Manager U Myo Lwin of the Myanma Hotel and Tourism Services left for Japan to attend a Oct. 15-21 Seminar on Investment and Economic Co-operation in the Tourism Sector in Developing Asian Countries, sponsored by ESCAP. (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 15: Six employees of the Daewoo Myanmar Co. Ltd., jointly owned by Myanmar Heavy Industries and the Daewoo Group, Korea, left for Korea to study production of TV cameras, radio-cassettes, and refrigerators at Daewoo Electronics Co. Ltd. They are led by Myanmar Heavy Industries branch manager Daw Kyi Kyi Mar, and include U Khin Maung Htay, U Win Naung, U Than Htut, U Wai Lwin, and U Win Nyunt. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 16: A delegation led by Yangon Institute of Technology

Librarian U Tin Maung Lwin left for China to study libraries in China. Other members are U Nyan Htun of Mandalay University, Daw Khin Khin Myint of Magway Degree College, and Daw Khin Thin Kyu of the Workers' Degree College. (WPD 10/18) // Oct. 28: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 18: Assistant Manager U Maung Maung Zaw Myint of the Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank left for India to attend a 3-month course on Land Development Banking at the Cooperative College in Rajandranagar, under Colombo Plan auspices. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 19: Director U Kyaw Oo of the Public Services Selection and Training Department and Deputy Director U Hla Min of the Central Institute of Public Services left for New Delhi, India, to attend a 7-weeks Training of Trainers course under Colombo Plan auspices. (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 21: Curator U Kyaw Win of the National Museum left for Tokyo to attend the 1991 Regional Training Seminar for Cultural Personnel in Asia and the Pacific: "Educational Activities of Museums-for Broadening Participation in Cultural Life" being held from Oct. 23-Nov. 2 under UNESCO auspices. (WPD 10/22) \\ A delegation consisting of Deputy General Manager U Hl Myint, Project Director U Than Tun Aung, and Project Engineer U Kyaw Hsan of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading left for Thailand to study construction of Rice Processing Plant at Rice Engineering Supply Co., Ltd., in Bangkok. \\ General Manager U Myo Win of Inspector and Agency Services, and Executive Committee member U Maung Maung of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry left for India to attend a Symposium on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in Asia in New Delhi, Oct. 22-25, under UNDP auspices. (WPD 10/22)

Oct. 27: Lecturer Dr. Marlar Myaung of the Microbiology Department, Institute of Medicine 1, left for Thailand to attend a Biregional Training Course in the use of Electron Microscopy for Diagnosis in the Field of Health Services, to be held from Oct. 28-Nov. 1 under WHO auspices. (WPD 10/28)

Delegations to Meetings

Sept. 30: Lecturer Dr. Cho Cho Myint of the Department of Chemical Agriculture, Yezin Institute of Agriculture, left for Brazil to attend the Oct. 7-13 2nd International Conference on Kyusei Nature Farming. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 4: Deputy Director Dr. Khin Maung Win of the Medical Research Department left for Cameroon to attend the Oct. 7-9 International Conference of Hepatitis B in the Development World. (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 5: A delegation headed by Brig-Gen. Kyaw Win, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, will attend the International Conference on Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) in Ottawa, Canada, for five days beginning Oct. 6. The delegation, which includes Head of Pharmacy U Myint Thein from the Ministry of Health, stopped over in Geneva to meet with WHO. \\ A delegation led by Director General U Kyaw Lwin of the Department for Propagation and Promotion of the Sasana, with Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lay, left for Malta to attend an international meeting of religious at the Community of St. Egidio in Rome, Oct. 8-10. \\ Assistant Director U Tun Hla of Myanma Farms Enterprise and Deputy General Manager Dr. Nyi Nyi of Myanma Agricultural Service left for India to attend the meeting on TCDC Programming Exercise in the Agricultural Sector under the UNDP. (WPD 10/6) // Oct. 21: Brig-Gen. Kyaw Win's delegation to Ottawa returned. (WPD 10/ 22)

Oct. 9: A cultural delegation consisting of Deputy Director U Thant Zin of the Department of Fine Arts and Staff Officer U Mehm Khin Maung Lay of the Mon State Library and Museum left to hold a cultural exhibition of Myanmar paintings and sculpture from Oct. 14-27 at the International Cultural Exhibition hall in Beijing. (WPD 10/10) // Oct. 30: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/31)

Oct. 10: A delegation headed by Deputy General Manager U Hla Yi

of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, along with Divisional Engineer U Hla Htwe and Electrical Engineer U Myint Oo left for Australia "to study matters relating to the purchase of a foundry with the assistance of UNDP in Sidney, Australia, from 10 to 19 October." (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 12: Deputy Director Dr. Myint Myint Soe of the Medical Research Department left for Sri Lanka to attend the Meeting of Principal Investigators of Five-Country Epidemiological Study of Elderly to be held Oct. 14-17 under WHO auspices. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 13: Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel left for China to attend the Spring Export Commodities Fair in Kwangzhou, Oct. 15-30, and the 1991 annual IMF-World Bank Meeting in Bangkok. He was accompanied by Managing Director U Win Kyi of Myanmar Export Import Services and by his personal secretary U Tin Maung Htay. (WPD 10/ 14) \\ Senior Research Officer Dr. Sann Shwe of the Medical Research Department left for Thailand to attend an Oct. 14-18 Biregional Meeting of the Fieldlines Programme for SEARO and WPRO sponsored by WHO. (WPD 10/14) // Oct. 18: Planning & Finance Minister Abel returned. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 16: Deputy Director U Khin Maung Win of the Traditional Indigenous Medicine Department left for China to attend the International Indigenous Medicine Conference in Beijing, beginning Oct. 10. (WPD 10/ 18)

Oct. 19: A delegation led by General Manager U Mya Than of Myanmar Department Stores and Staff Officer U Kyi Lwin of the Co-operative Department left for Osaka, Japan, to attend the Oct. 21-14 Global Business Opportunities Convention. (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 20: Director U Maung Maung of the Agricultural Mechanization Department left for China to attend an Oct. 22-26 meeting on mechanization of agriculture in developing countries. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 28: General Managers U Maung Maung Aye and Deputy General Manager U Tin Sein of the Construction and Electrical Stores Trading left for Singapore to attend the 4th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Myanmar Natsteel Hardware Centre Ltd. on Oct. 29-30. (WPD 10/29)

UNGA Address

Oct. 5: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw was named a Vice-President of the current 46th United Nations General Assembly. Speaking to UNGA on Oct. 4, he made the following principal points:

-- Myanmar welcomes the new members of the UN, especially the Republic of Korea "with which Myanmar has established long and fruitful relationship of friendship, understanding and co-operation..." and the Baltic States which "represents the righting of a historical wrong perpetrated in violation of international law..."

-- Takes satisfaction "at the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation" under the UN Security Council, while expressing doubt at "The Council's decision authorizing the use of force on a national and coalition basis which clearly does not conform with...Chapter VII; the apparent lack of proportionality in the employment of armed force; the want of full compliance with the rules of humanitarian law...; the over-extension of...Chapter VII measures; [and] the continued enforcement of some of these measures long after the end of hostilities which has caused grievous suffering to innocent civilian populations"

-- Joins the concern of "small" and "weak" nations at "moralistic stances which in truth conceal attempts to modify the time-honoured concept of sovereignty and to erode certain cardinal principles of the Charter, such as...non-interference in the internal affairs of other States,...respect for the territorial integrity and political independence of States and the principle of sovereign equality of States." One such area is human rights. Myanmar promotes human rights "to the fullest extent permitted by our own national circumstances--not least of which is the continued existence of armed

insurrection in the remote parts of the country and the destructive activities of underground elements in urban and rural areas" But, in the words of the Secretary General, the defence of human rights should not become a "platform for encroaching on the essential domestic jurisdiction of States and eroding their sovereignty...."

-- Is gratified by the end to fighting in Cambodia and the formation of a Supreme National Council under Norodom Sihanouk, and hopes for the finalization of a comprehensive peace agreement.

-- Believes that a Middle East settlement requires application on Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) in their entirety, including recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and an independent and sovereign state, and recognition of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States in the region including Israel.

-- Welcomes developments in South Africa, while believing that international pressure must continue until "the evil system is totally eradicated."

-- Welcomes President Bush's disarmament initiatives, and hopes that a positive Soviet response will start a process leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons in the world.

-- Calls for international debt and debt-servicing reduction as essential to international economic development, as well as bolder approaches, because "That over a billion people now live in absolute poverty is not only immoral, it also poses a real threat to international security and stability."

-- Supports environmental measures to halt degradation that puts "the very survival of the human race at stake." Among issues to be faced are "the unsustainable pattern of production and consumption." Myanmar accords high priority to the environment. "Myanmar's abundant forests, a resource of considerable economic value, have been managed on a rational and sustainable basis."

-- Myanmar has made enormous efforts against narcotic drugs, including the destruction of drugs and equipment worth US\$4.33 billion since 1990 and of 200,000 acres of poppy fields (with an annual yield capacity of 940 tons of opium) since 1975.

-- Myanmar is at the threshold of a new era, as its Government seeks "to usher in a process leading to peace and prosperity and the fulfilment of the aspirations of the people for a democratic state." Progress has been made in restoring law and order; all schools, colleges, and Universities have been reopened; complete freedom of religion reigns; eight insurgent groups have returned to the legal fold. "For the first time in decades guns have fallen silent and peace and tranquility now prevails in remote areas of the country where terror and lawlessness previously reigned."

-- "Questions have been raised in some quarters about the perceived delay in the transfer of power. Some ...assert that the Myanmar Government has shown no sign of respecting the wishes of the people." Though this a purely domestic matter:

All political parties have agreed to the Government's program for implementing the free and fair elections of May 1990;

The Election Committee is completing its final report, hampered by the inadequate accounts kept by many candidates;

Contested elections are being investigated by the Tribunals and "this due process of law must be allowed to complete its course";

Once the Election Commission submits its report, the [SLORC] "will meet with the elected representatives to discuss the holding of a national convention...entrusted with the task of working out a broad national consensus which will form the basis for framing a new constitution." The Convention will include elected representatives, political party leaders, representatives of all national races, and respected veteran politicians.

On the basis of the national consensus, the elected representatives will draw up a new Constitutions. The [SLORC] will make suggestions and render all necessary assistance "in the best traditions of the Myanmar Defence Services," but is above party politics and "is neither a political organization nor does it have

any intention of forming one." It will lead the nation "until...a strong government can be formed on the basis of the new constitution."

-- "In conclusion I should like to state categorically that once the political process I have outlined is completed the State Law and Order Restoration Council will transfer the reins of the State to a strong and stable government formed in accordance with the new constitution." (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 20: Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw returned from the UNGA session. (WPD 10/21)

Delegations Return

Return of delegations whose departure was announced in previous months:

Sept. 30: Deputy Director (Accounts) U Myint Tun of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Manager U Hmwe Kyi of The Working People's Daily returned from studying the paper industry in the Netherlands. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 6: Director U Thein Lwin of the Forest Department and Director U Nyi Nyi of the Attorney-General's office returned Oct. 5 from Nairobi and the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee 4th meeting for drafting a biological convention. \ The delegation headed by Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein returned from the 9th Ministerial-level Meeting of the WHO South-East Asian Region in the Maldives. (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 11: The six-man delegation headed by Professor of Geology U Nyan Thine of Mawlamyine University returned from China after studying university co-operation. (WPD 10/12)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointment

The SLORC made the following appointment, on probation:

Oct. 25: U Thein Tun, General Manager, Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, to be Managing Director, General Merchandise Trading, Ministry of Trade. (WPD 10/25)

Appointment Confirmed

The SLORC confirmed the following appointment, after one year's probation:

Oct. 25: U Tin Tun as Principal, Central Institute of Public Services, Public Services Selection and Training Board. (WPD 10/25)

GOVERNMENT

New Deputy Auditor-General

Oct. 9: [SLORC] Order No. 5/91 of Oct. 9 appoints U Khin Win as Deputy Auditor-General. (WPD 10/10)

Cottage Industries Law

Oct. 10: [SLORC] Law No. 13/91 of Oct. 10, the Promotion of Cottage Industries Law provides for the registration of family "cottage industries", in accordance with a variety of "basic principles" including the production of "industrial finished goods" using "by-products, waste products and raw materials" purchased from State enterprises, and prevention of "the obsolescence of the Myanmar traditional handicrafts." The Ministry of Co-Operatives is in charge of registering entrepreneurs under the law. (WPD 10/11)

Two New YCDC Members

Oct. 16: [SLORC] Notification No. 40/91 of Oct. 16 "co-opts" Lt-Col. Maung Maung Zaw (BC 8567) and Lt-Col. Tin Tun Khin (BC 7716) as members of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). (WPD 10/17)

Advocates Approved

Oct. 17: Advocate Certificates were issued to 60 persons at the Supreme Court Building, Yangon. (WPD 10/18)

Buddhist Titles Regulations

Oct. 24: [SLORC] Notification No. 42/91 of Oct. 24 establishes, in addition to the titles of Abhidhammaharathaguru and Aggamahapandita, the Sasana Titles to be awarded to [full text published in WPD]:

Ganthadura Pariyatti Lecturer-Sayadaws (3 grades);
Vipassanadura Meditation Instructor Sayadaws (3 grades);
Touring Dhamma Preachers (2 grades);
Local and Foreign Buddhist Missionary Personnel (4 grades); and
Outstanding Donors (4 grades for each sex).

Extensive qualifications for each category and grade are provided, including: Buddhist and lay morality; minimum age; education, examination record, and experience; number of pupils (for teachers); following of Theravada Pitaka Pali Texts (meditation instructors); scholarship; value of donation (donors); and "being a person who has not opposed the different levels of Sangha organization" (all categories). (WPD 10/25)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

Oct. 4: KNU insurgents fired on Thingan Nyuinaung village, Myawady Twp. [Kayin], Oct. 2, wounding three civilians. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 5: 15 KNU insurgents robbed bus passengers at Ye Mon village on Sept. 17, and kidnapped three (who later escaped). (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 24: Ten KNU terrorists from No. 6 Company of No. 10 Battalion entered Padaukkon village, Yebyu Twp. [Tanintharyi] and killed a villager. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 30: On Oct. 28 two terrorists of the ABSDF No. 206 battalion entered Beyan village, Mudon Twp. [Mon]. Intercepted by the village patrol, they threw a grenade that wounded three villagers before fleeing. Soldiers and police searching the area found 6 AK-47 rifles, 22 magazines, 1,244 rounds of ammunition, 4 grenades, a rocket launcher, explosives, and various documents. [extensive photos of captured equipment] (WPD 10/31)

Insurgents Surrender

Oct. 1: 8 KNU terrorists from the Saw Po Nyein group surrendered with their arms at Ye [Mon] on Sept. 26. 41 KNU terrorists from the same group had surrendered up to Sept. 23. (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 11: Four more terrorists returned to the "legal fold" with their arms (Oct. 7-11). (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 14: Four KNU terrorists surrendered at Thaton. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 27: Between Sept. 1-9, 19 terrorists [only 17 are listed] surrendered, with their arms. [Names and details] (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 28: Between Sept. 10-18, 22 terrorists surrendered, with their arms. [Names and details] (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 29: Between Sept. 19-29, 20 terrorists surrendered, with their arms. [Names and details]. All told, 59 terrorists surrendered during September. (WPD 10/30)

KNU Attacks Ayeyarwady Division

Oct. 9: "KNU terrorists...have entered Bogale Township of Ayeyarwady Division with malicious intent. They, with the help of their hardcores, in the area, were scheming to give trouble to the people from the Delta, which is a consolidated area and which has become peaceful for 19 years, and to cause unrest, it is learnt."

Bogale police on Oct. 2 captured five KNU "hardcores" at Titunt village, along with 8 AK-47 rifles and 2,081 rounds of ammunition and 8 magazines. The police then went to Katthamhmyin village. 17 police

were killed and 17 weapons lost in the attack of about 40 "KNU terrorists and their hardcores."

The Tatmadaw under South-West Commander Maj-Gen. Myint Aung went into action, and in 9 clashes with KNU, 9 KNU terrorists were "captured dead" and 5 alive, along with 18 weapons, 9,986 rounds of ammunition, 19 magazines, 6 grenades, and 32 detonators. 22 Tatmadawmen, including police, were killed and 18 weapons lost. Mopping up is under way.

"The area that the KNU terrorists have entered now is the Tawpaing area previously entered by terrorists led by expatriate Nyo Hmaing in 1972. They were then annihilated by the Tatmadaw...and the area has become peaceful then up to the time this group of terrorists entered the area, it is learnt." [Map showing sites of 9 clashes, all south of Bogale and Pyapon] (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 11: One KNU leader was killed Oct. 10, and three KNU privates surrendered, as "mopping-up" operations continued. On the 11th, Army units clashed with 60 "KNU terrorists" near Sarphyuzu village [map]. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services and SLORC Vice-Chairman Gen. Than Shwe visited Bogale. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 13: "Fighting continued between the Tatmadaw columns and the KNU terrorists in Tawpaing area in Bogale Township." On Oct. 11 there was a clash with 60 KNU at Sarphyuzu village; 5 KNU were killed, and 3,750 rounds of ammunition and other equipment was seized. Mopping-up operations continue in Katthahmyin and Tawpaing areas; a powered boat, 2 rifles, and 191 rounds of ammunition were seized.

On Oct. 12 there were two armed clashes; 1 KNU were killed and a rifle were captured. Saw Lu Galay, 49, of the KNU terrorist group, surrendered at Katthabaung Sethsan police station, with a rifle. (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 14: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt visited Ohnbinzu village, Myaungmya Township "where fighting had taken place between Tatmadaw columns and KNU terrorists," and inspected captured enemy equipment.

On the military front, "fleeing KNU terrorists fled Sarphyusu and took the path in a north-west direction along Maungdee, Kanasogon, Madok creek, and Kyondeik.... Skirmishes took place at Madok Creek in Myaungmya Township...on 12 October, and at Kwinbauk...and at Kyondeik... on 13 October. It is reported that the fleeing terrorists were in the environs of Onbinsu [sic] Village in Myaungmya Township on 13 October afternoon. Vessels of Tatmadaw (Navy) and the columns of the Tatmadaw (Army) took up positions along Sagamyar Creek...and the... (Army) columns besieged the enemy's stronghold on the west and south. About 5,000 people...provided assistance and support.... Helicopters...airlifted the military columns to the areas close to the enemy...." The Airforce provided air support.

A battle was fought near Ohnbinzu village. 59 KNU terrorists were killed. Captured were 2 grenade launchers, 1 40-mm launcher, 56 rifles, 7 mines, 27 rocket grenades, 20 40-mm shells, 10,000 bullets, 2 communications sets, 15 navigation charts, etc. 3 Tatmadawmen were killed and 5 wounded.

"The KNU terrorists left Theikpangongyi region in Labutta Township on 8 October towards the north along Kakayan River and arrived Sarphyusu Village after taking the path along Kyunpyatthat River," where they were attacked on Oct. 11.

The Army also dislodged fleeing KNU elements in the Tawbaing area of Bogale Township and on Oct. 12 seized 9 rifles and 1513 rounds of ammunition hidden near Oo Nisu Village. In the Kathahmyin and Tawbaing areas, as of Oct. 14, 36 weapons and 15,781 bullets, 8 rockets, and 2 walkie talkies were seized.

Overall, between Oct. 4-13, the Tatmadaw killed 75 enemies and captured 8. Four surrendered. 95 weapons, 25,000 rounds of ammunition, 33 shells, 4 communications sets, mines, and other equipment were captured. [2 maps] (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 16: On Oct. 14, 13 KNU terrorists surrendered at

Myaungmya. A rifle was found on Oct. 15 in Dauntgyi village, Bogale Township, and 40 shells and 4,603 bullets at Theikpangongyi village, Labutta Township. On Oct. 16, in a clash with KNU terrorists at the mouth of Hlinebon Chaung in Ngaputaw Township, 7 KNU were killed. Captured were a rifle, a mine, 3 RPGs and 3 motorized vessels. [2 maps] (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 22: Between Oct. 17-22, the Tatmadaw fought two engagements with KNU terrorists in Ngapudaw Twp. 35 terrorists were killed. 25 firearms, 3,343 rounds of ammunition, and 9 grenades were seized from 8 caches. In Bogale Twp., 24 firearms, 2,157 rounds, and 6 grenades were seized from 5 caches. In Myaungmya, Wakema, and Mawlamyinekyun Twps., 3 weapons and 8,036 rounds were seized from 4 caches. In Labutta Twp., 7 weapons, 40 heavy rounds, and 6,656 rounds were seized from 2 caches. In all, 42 terrorists were killed. 59 firearms, 20,192 rounds, etc. were seized. (WPD 10/23)

Through the month, there were frequent extensive articles about "mass rallies denouncing the KNU terrorists" in Ayeyarwady Division towns.

BCP Defeated in Tanintharyi

Oct. 15: Between Oct. 1-4, Tatmadaw attacked BCP terrorists in 21 engagements in Dawei and Thayetchaung Townships, Tanintharyi military region, killing 21 and capturing one. Three surrendered. 24 weapons, 3,398 rounds of ammunition, 19 shells, 3 mines, etc., and 55 uniforms, were captured. "The Tatmadaw Columns also exposed and took action against 54 BCP hard cores." (WPD 10/ 16)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Oct. 1,4,10,13-14,17-20,30: The Regions of our Brethren: Where the State Law and Order Restoration Council's Goodwill Blossoms Forth, by Ngwe Kalaung. [Cont. Development in Wa and Kokang regions.]

Oct. 4-5: Keep lottery tickets carefully to be able to benefit from lottery prizes, by Kyaw Nyunt Yi. [Explanation of State Lottery procedures.]

Oct. 13: World Food Day 1991: The Fruits of Tree Planting, by Ye Soe. [Importance of reforestation.]

Oct. 15,21,25-26,29,31: The Records of the Construction of Roads and Bridges during the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, by Mya Kalaung. [Cont. {from Aug. 19}. Record of recent projects.]

Oct. 16: World Food Day 1991: Trees for Life, by Win Theingi. [Need to safeguard forests.]

Oct.16: Yangon Garment Manufacturing Co Ltd: A joint-venture undertaking bearing fruit, by Soe Tin Win. [Cont. Visit to plant, which exports to the USA and European Community.]

Oct. 18: Implementation of development projects in Chaung-Oo Township, Sagaing Division, by Saw Hla Tun (Chaung-Oo). [Record of recent development.]

Oct. 19: World Food Day 1991: Forests, trees and people, by Maung Yin Swe. [Value of trees; need for sustainable development]

Construction and Other Projects

Oct. 2: The Mandalay Jivitadana Sasana Hospital Annexe opened Oct. 1. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 3: Two buses modified from Hino (TE-11) trucks were placed into service on the Yemon-Hlegu line as an experiment. They are pilots for similar modified trucks to be used in border areas. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 8: The Lashio Gymnasium was inaugurated Oct. 6. In construction since Sept. 22, 1990, it cost K 3.57 million. 140'x 102', it is the largest gymnasium in Northern Shan State. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 14: No. 6 Bran Oil Mill of Myanma Agriculture Produce Trading was inaugurated in Sittway [Rakhine] on Oct. 11. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 19: Service began on the Monywa-Salingyi ferry (Z-71) on

Oct. 17. \\ The Pan-long Village middle school in Hopang Twp. [Shan] was opened Oct. 4; it cost K 1 million. (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 23: The Pyawgyimyetshin Hotel in Mandalay was inaugurated Oct. 20. Built between Nov. 11, 1990-Oct. 15, 1991, at a cost of K15.8 million, it has 36 rooms and can accommodate 72 persons. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 24: The Than Lwin Hotel in Mawlamyine, of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, opened Oct. 23. Situated on Stand Road, Mawlamyine, it has 15 bedrooms and can accommodate 41 guests. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 25: The Myoma clock tower at Toungoo was inaugurated Oct. 23, along with a rest house at the Kaytumadi Home for the Aged. (WPD 10/ 26)

Oct. 26: The new Bago Transport and Communications Office Building was opened Oct. 24. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 27: The cornerstone was laid for the 168 room Yadanarbon Hotel at the foot of Mandalay Hill in Mandalay. (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 28: The Mandalay Yadanarbon Swimming Pool was inaugurated Oct. 24. (WPD 10/29)

Joint Ventures

Sept. 30: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 21/91 establishes the joint venture Myanmar Citizens Bank Limited, "to carry on banking activities or business," with authorized capital of K1,000,000,000 divided into 200,000 shares of K5,000 each, of which 90,000 will be subscribed by Joint Venture Corporations Limited, and 110,000 shares by the public at a maximum of 200 shares each from individuals or businesses. Individuals with 100 shares or businesses with 200 shares are eligible for election as directors. Initial government members shall be the Managing Directors of Myanma Department Stores; Stationery, Printing and Photographic Stores Trading; Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading; and Inspection and Agency Services. Initial public members are U Ko Ko Kyi, U Thein Tun, U Maung Maung, Capt. Maung Tin (retd.), U Than Aung, U Hla Thein, and U Tin Hla [all from Yangon--addresses given]. The bank shall register as a Special Company with the Ministry of Trade, for purposes of sign boards, letterheads, etc., and shall obtain a licence from The Central Bank of Myanmar before carrying out banking activities. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 12: The Shan State (North) JVC Ltd. held its annual meeting and elected U Yan Pay Son as President for 1991-92. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 26: The Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited held its first annual meeting under its Chairman, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. He said the Company "was able to lead the Myanma Shesaung Supply Limited and the Myanma Segye International Ltd in making joint ventures with foreign companies and it could sign a joint venture agreement with Daewoo Corporation of the Republic of Korea during the first-year period." Eight directors of "B" Group share holders were elected. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 26: JVC No. 2 Ltd. held its second annual meeting, and elected the following directors for 1991-92: Chairman U Kyaw Min; Vice-Chairman U Win Myint; Executive Director U Thein Shwe; Additional Executive Director U Tin Maung Win. (WPD 10/ 27)

Business Registrations

Sept. 29: During September 1991, the Ministry of Trade registered 46 exporters, 40 importers and 27 business representatives, bringing the totals up to 1,978, 1,217, and 632. // Sept. 30: Also during September 1991, the Ministry registered 26 limited companies, 3 foreign companies and branch offices, and 13 partnerships, bringing the totals up to 1,089, 121, and 658. (WPD 10/1)

Land Management Committee

Oct. 8: Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe addressed the first meeting of

the Fallow and Virgin Land Management Committee, of which he is Chairman. The Committee was formed Sept. 26, 1991 to provide systematic management of livestock and agricultural development. "One of the objectives ...," he said, "is to open the way for bringing out a big number of investors in the private sector." (WPD 10/9)

Real Estate Fraud in Mandalay

Oct 10: The National Intelligence Bureau (NIB), in an investigation in Mandalay from Sept. 23-Oct. 3, has exposed 84 fraudulent real estate deals, in which sales totalling K185.47 million were recorded at only K39.35 million, thus defrauding the State of K146.12 million in revenues. The taxes will be collected from both buyer and seller, in accordance with Internal Revenue Department rules. (Details of each sale, including seller and buyer, and amounts, printed in tabular form; many sellers were involved in several transactions.) (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 17: Details of 57 more transactions in Mandalay, in which K 101.15 million in sales were recorded at only K20.37 million. (WPD 10/17)

1992 Economic Year

Oct. 16: Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin reminded petroleum workers that "The year 1992 has been designated as the Economic Year of Myanmar Naing-Ngan to bring about progress and development to the State and the energy sector plays a vital role in doing so." He praised workers for "success in producing more oil and natural gas in Pyay Taungdan Oilfield and Shwepyitha Oil and Natural-gas fields," but warned of the "need to minimise loss and wastage in distributing oil to the customers." (WPD 10/17)

Bean Traders Association

Oct. 19: The Myanmar Pulses and Beans Traders Association was formed Oct. 11 at the Ministry of Trade. (WPD 10/20)

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Foreign Trade Seminar

Oct. 21: A Seminar on Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade opened at the Department of Trade with experts from G.A.T.T. and ICT. Senior ICT Adviser Mr. Pierre Marie Nicora addressed the 41 personnel from the Ministry, joint ventures, and the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Seminar will last until Oct. 26. (WPD 10/22)

Divisional Chambers of Commerce

Oct. 24: The Rakhine Chamber of Commerce opened at Room No. 8 of the Sittway Development Market building on Oct. 19. Chairman U Shwe Tha Nu unveiled the signboard. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 26: The Tanintharyi Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry was formed on Oct. 24, with a 33-member Executive Committee and a 15-member Central Executive Committee headed by Chairman U Pe Thein. (WPD 10/27)

Seismic Survey

Oct. 27: Fishing trawlers are reminded to stay out of Blocks M-13 and M-14 during the period when a marine seismic survey will be conducted off the shore of Tanintharyi [between Dawei {Tavoy} and Myeik {Mergui}] under the production agreement signed with Premier Petroleum Myanmar Ltd. It will be conducted round-the-clock in Block

C (1346 sq. km.) from Nov. 15-25, Block A (1624 sq. km.) from Nov. 26-Dec. 10, Block B (551 sq. km.) from Dec. 11-17, and Block D (79 Sq. km.) from Dec. 18-21. [map] (WPD 10/28)

Border Trade Restrictions

Oct. 11: The first meeting of the Border Trade Supervision Central Committee was held at the Ministry of Trade, and discussed "matters relating to border trade supervision co-ordination committees..., entrusting of rights and carrying out border and other trade activities through application of new system" (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 29: Ministry of Trade Order 12/91 of Oct. 25, in effect as of Nov. 1, prohibits private entrepreneurs and organizations from exporting 20 categories of goods: (a) teak; (b) petroleum; (c) precious stones and jewellery; (d) rice; (e) arms and ammunition; (f) antiques; (g) six kinds of beans and pulses; (h) corn seed; (i) cotton; (j) leather; (k) groundnut; (l) sesamum; (m) freshwater fish; (n) fresh/salt water prawns; (o) ivory; (p) cattle, elephants, horses, and rare species; (q) rubber; (r) chickens, ducks, pigs, goats, sheep; (s) sadawpe; (t) onion; (u) garlic; (v) dried chilli; and (w) potatoes.

They are also prohibited from exporting "goods which the State organizations and local authorities prohibit them from doing so."

However, with export licences from the Border Trade Offices of the Trade Department of Myanma Export Import Services, private entrepreneurs may export six kinds of beans and pulses, corn seed, and salt water prawns. (WPD 10/30)

Landlords Must Report Rents

Oct. 30: All landlords in the Yangon City Development Committee area who "rent land, houses (wholly or partially), flats, and boarding houses" must report to the Township Development Committee Offices by Dec. 31, 1991, bringing relevant documents. Those who rent in foreign exchange and have not paid their revenues in foreign exchange "are to report direct to the Assessor's Department at the City Hall." The YCDC collects revenue based on rents, and "there is a great difference between the revenues collected and actual rents under prevailing conditions, for landlords are getting much more rents than in the past." Action will be taken against violators. (WPD 10/ 31)

Rainfall in Yangon

Rainfall since January 1, 1991, in inches, at Yangon's three weather stations of Yangon Airport (YA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Yangon (CY) was:

As of	YA	KA	CY
October 1	84.81	78.00	85.32
October 15	90.00	82.40	93.19
October 30	90.28	82.60	95.09

HEALTH

AIDS Control Course

Oct. 2: A 3-day training course on AIDS control opened at the Union Tuberculosis Institute in Yangon, conducted jointly by the Health Department, WHO, and UNDP, with 40 trainees. (WPD 10/3)

Adulterated Food

Oct. 7: The Yangon Health Department will inspect home-made condensed milk, edible oil, chilli sauce, pickled food, and dry tea leaves, and take action against any harmful or adulterated products. (WPD 10/8)

SPORTS

Sports Teams Abroad

Oct. 1: A five-member Myanmar Thaing team, led by Myanmar

Naing-Ngan Thaing Federation President Police Deputy Director-General Maung Toe, left for Japan to demonstrate thaing from Oct. 1-16. (WPD 10/2) // Oct. 18: The team returned. (WPD 10/ 20)

Oct. 6: At the Malaysian Masters Golf Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Zaw Moe of Myanmar is tied for seventh, with a score of 71-70-71--212. (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 10: Myanmar won the first Bangladesh Invitational Traditional Boat Race. India and Bangladesh were second and third. (WPD 10/11) // Oct. 13: The team received a triumphant welcome home. (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 19: The 9th Asian Track and Field Championships opened at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with participants from 28 nations. Aye Aye Nwe took silver in the women's discus event, with 48.48 metres. (WPD 10/20) // Oct. 22: Khin Khin Htwe took silver in the women's 1,500 metres, with 4:26.08. (WPD 10/23) // Oct. 25: The "victorious" team was welcomed home. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 22: A team headed by Myanmar Chess Federation Vice-President U Kyaw Than left for Malaysia to participate in the 9th Asian Chess Championship Tournament beginning Oct. 23. (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 28: A 2-man team headed by Capt. Sein Lin left for Japan to participate in the 11th Wheel-Chair Marathon of the Disabled in Osaka, beginning Nov. 4. The athletes are Soe Myint Oo and Myint Thein. (WPD 10/29)

Oct. 29: The Myanmar Karate Team left for Tokyo to participate in the 5th World Open Karate Tournament beginning Oct. 30. Led by Karatedo Federation member U Min Lwin, the team comprises Bo Win and Tun Tun Lin. (WPD 10/30)

Sports Delegations Abroad

Oct. 2: Myanmar Gymnastics Federation Secretary U Myint Aung left for the Republic of Korea to attend a 3-month gymnastic coach course. (WPD 10/4)

Traditional Sports

Sept. 30: The finals of the 3rd Myanmar Traditional Boat Race for Ayeyarwady Division were held in Patheingyi on Sept. 29. \ \ Officials met in Yangon to discuss entertainment at the national level race. (WPD 10/ 1) // Oct. 1: More discussion of the "Myanma Traditional Boat Festival." (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 19: The Myanmar traditional lacquer boat Ziwaka Zayyar was launched at the Yangon University Boat Club. It is 18'6" long and 18" wide, with a draught of 10", and is built of teak, bamboo, and cane with lacquer. Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein presided, noting recent Myanmar traditional boat racing successes in Singapore and Bangladesh "despite differences in the shape of the racing boats of the other countries." (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 23: Teams from 28 townships took part in the Bago Division First Myanmar Traditional Boat Race at Toungoo on Oct. 22. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 25: The Tug-of-War Competition for the President's Cup opened, sponsored by the Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation. Twelve men's and 7 women's events were held the first day. (WPD 10/26)

Holes-in-One

Oct. 13: Lu Lu (a) Zaw Mynn scored a hole-in-one on the 8th hole (par-5, 205 yards) of the Yangon Golf Club on Oct. 6, using a Mizuno XR 9 club and a Titleist ball. (WPD 10/ 14)

undated: Hkun Aung Hsan scored a hole-in-one on the 8th hole of the Taunggyi golf links on Oct. 20, using the "iron rod-4 and phambon 2." This is his third hole-in-one. (WPD 10/30)

CULTURAL

Literary and Cultural Articles

Oct. 6,13,20,27: Foundations of Myanmar Culture: Myanmar literature and the ten major jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. (63-66)]
Oct. 6,13,20,27: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (102-105) Poet Naung: Thirteen selected poems.]
Oct. 6,13,20,27: Poems (in Myanmar and English). [(1) "Myanmar Boat Song" by Thiha Aung. (2) "Daughter and son, parasol and dah" by Thiha Aung. (3-4) "Never their slaves," by Nay Thway Ni.]
Oct 6,13,20,27: Short Stories. [Cont. (1-2) Cont. (13-14) "Shwe chit, Ngwe chi, by Tint De. (1-4) Cont. (2-5) "General Maha Bandula" by U Thein Maung. (1-2) "A test of honesty" by Pe Than. (3-4) "About a friend" by Pe Than. (4) "What shall I tell Ah Nyo" by Maung Thin.]
Oct. 10-12: Preface to a Collection of `Sale' U Ponnya's Works, by Soe Nyunt. [Praise, with extensive quotations {in Burmese}].
Oct. 20: The Word `Cit' of Old Myanmar, by Thein Than Tun. [Commentary on historic use of word meaning "war" or "military."]
Oct. 23: The sublimity of Abhidhamma, by Bhaddanta Pannadipa (W.B.M.1). [Thadinkyut (Festival of Lights) message.]

Mandalay Medical Graduations

Oct. 26: The Mandalay Institute of Medicine held its 18th Convocation. Rector Dr. Zaw Win conferred Master degrees on 3 graduates, and the M.B.B.S. on 91 graduates. 5 received Master degrees and 48 M.B.B.S. degrees in absentia. Later the same day the Institute held its 19th Convocation, at which Rector Dr. Zaw Win conferred M.B.B.S. degrees on 74 graduates, plus 24 in absentia. (WPD 10/27)

Unified Music Organization Urged

Oct. 27: Speaking to music artistes in the Ministry of Defence Hall, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt reminded them of his July 4, 1991 presentation and urged "emergence of a consolidated and united organization for the music artistes." The thabin (theatrical art), motion picture, and music "play a vital role in ensuring perpetuity of the nation, the language and the sasana..." Various officials and artistes supported his call. (WPD 10/28)

Revised TV Schedule

Oct. 28: In order "to present more entertainment and educational programmes to the people," TV Myanmar will begin 1/2 hour earlier, at 6:30 pm, beginning Nov. 1. The schedule will be: 6:30-marching and military songs; 6:45-song variety; 7:00 educational programmes and short plays; 7:30-song variety; 8:00-news and weather report; 9:00-international news; 9:30-local/foreign films, or TV series, or Myanmar video features. (WPD 10/29)

Course for Border Monks

Oct. 29: The first Seminar of the Hill Region Buddhist Missionary Monks and a refresher course opened in Yangon, for "monks engaging in missionary duties in the hill regions, monks who are to teach Buddhist literature at Sarthintaiks to be established in the east of the Thanlwin [Salween] River and monks who are to carry out missionary tasks in the country and abroad." Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint told them that "The Government would extend assistance for promoting the Theravada Buddhism," and forecast "a bright future for Buddhism." Members of the public wishing to offer `soon' to the monks may contribute K 75 per monk, and they may also donate medicine, clothing, etc., to be distributed by the monks "to the brethren in the border region." The course will last 3 weeks, to Nov. 18. (WPD 10/30)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

Oct. 1: Police Sub-Inspector Maung Maung Lay of the Railway

Police was awarded a good service certificate and K500 reward for refusing a K2,000 bribe and arresting the bribers. \\ Troops on Sept. 17 at Narlon village, Mansi Twp. [Kachin] seized 1 kilo of heroin and K17,000 from two members, in mufti, of the KIA No. 3 brigade. (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 2: One Daw Mya Mya Win (46) was arrested for posing as a relative of State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo in order to buy a water pump from Myanmar Heavy Industries, purportedly as a donation to a monastery but actually for resale. \\ Tatmadaw Intelligence and police seized 1.6 kilos of heroin on Sept. 27 from a car crossing the iron bridge in Hsipaw [Shan]. (WPD 10/3)

Oct. 3: Police on June 18 arrested three persons for "illegal entry into the other country" seeking to "secure the release of those who were on board boats which carried contraband rice", and one abettor. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 7: Mogok [Kachin] authorities on Sept. 22 seized 3 kilos of opium from a bus passenger at Kiywa PPF Station, and 0.5 kilos the next day from a house in Mogok. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 9: The National Intelligence Bureau has "exposed 12 gangs which forged foreign work permits and sold them to some gullible people at prices ranging from K 4,000 to K 6,000." The work permits were from America, Canada, European countries, and China. Fake local and foreign post-office seals, foreign stamps, foreign letterheads, and envelopes were seized. 15 people were arrested (photos) and "will be tried by the military court." (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 12: Military Intelligence and the Kengtung [Shan] anti-drug squad on Oct. 8 seized 161 kilos of raw opium near Hway Hka village. Three motorcycles were seized and seven persons arrested. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 14: Authorities searched the motorized vessel Sein Hnint Mya as it was about to leave Pazundaung Market Jetty [Yangon] on Sept. 21, and seized 96 tons of teak, 16 pieces of jade, 26 sapphires, 20 rubies, 9 gold rings, and 20 jade bangles, which were to be smuggled to Singapore. \\ Yangon police seized 10 over kilos of marijuana from a bus entering Yangon at the Minlwingon check-point and from houses searched as a result of subsequent investigations. (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 16: Military Court No. 3 in Pathein has sentenced 26 service personnel of the Kyangin Cement Factory, and 10 outsiders, to rigorous imprisonment from 5-12 years each for conspiring to steal 143 bags of cement. (WPD 10/17) // Oct. 18: Editorial defends sentence as just. (WPD 10/18)

Oct. 18: The National Intelligence Bureau caught 23 persons involved in smuggling diesel oil belonging to the Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise out of the country. They included 16 service personnel, 5 outside workers, and 2 traders. Oil was diverted by filling legitimate 50 gallon drums with only 49 gallons, and by using a Honda engine for pumping that heated and expanded the oil being legitimately transferred. Between June 3-Sept. 3, 1991, 47 vessels checked (out of 135) received 2,734 gallons less than was indicated. Action is being taken. \\ The Mandalay anti-drug squad on Sept. 24 seized 13.8 litres of phensedyl from India; four persons were arrested. \\ Myitkyina railway police on Sept. 21 seized 4.2 kilos of raw opium from two women boarding a train for Mandalay. Three persons were arrested. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 2 [sic]: Yangon police seized che-hti gambling documents and over K350,000 in stakes at several locations. (WPD 10/24)

Oct. 24: The Mawlamyine anti-drug squad and Mottama [Martaban] police on Oct. 7 seized 1,690 cabochon jade stones, weighing 23 viss, from a passenger on the Z-craft No. 78 leaving Mottama for Mawlamyinee. Two are being prosecuted. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 26: The Mawlamyine anti-drug squad on Oct. 12 seized 3.3 kilos of marijuana and arrested one man. (WPD 10/27)

Oct. 29: The Myeik [Mergui] anti-drug squad on Oct. 12 seized 720 ml. of phensedyl and 0.5 kilo of marijuana in Kawthoung. (WPD 10/30)

Oct. 30: Action has been taken by the Taungtha police station against a man who "bribed a police officer to change evidence in a gambling case." The accused on Oct. 6 gave a policeman K3,000 to change evidence against the accused's relative, on trial for gambling. The policeman took the money in the presence of witnesses and reported it. (WPD 10/ 31)

Obituaries

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

Oct. 6: Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesarabhivamsa of Sinbyu Kyaung was cremated Oct. 10. (WPD 10/20)

Oct. 7: U San Lwin (Mawlamyine), General Manager & Advisor, Myanmar MCG Corp. Ltd.; Asst Director (Retd) Metal Industries Corp. Head Office, husband of Daw Nyun Nyun Soe, died in Yangon, aged 68. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 7: Pa Sian Do Pau, S.A.T., B.E.H.S., Hakha, Chin State, husband of Nu Suan Deih Vung, died in Hakha, aged 41. [Christian] (WPD 10/9)

No date: Condolences to the family of U Kyaw Myint, Retired Director General, DHE, and former Rector and Physics Professor, Mandalay University, "in their recent bereavement." (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 16: Daw Nyunt Sein, widow of U Tun Maung (Monywa, Retd., Radio Pakistan), died in Yangon, aged 72. (WPD 10/18)

No date: Saw Gordon Po's family thank those who sent flowers to his funeral. [Christian] (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 24: State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indriya, of Moehnyin Vipassana Kyaungtaik, Bahann Twp. [Yangon], vassa 72, died at the age of 92. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 24: Rev. Sr. Joseph, (S.F.X.) of St. Xavier's Convent, St. Jude's Parish, Yankin, died in Yangon, aged 84. [Catholic] (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 28: State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Acarabhivamsa Maha Thera, Patron Sayadaw of Sansu Sibani Kyaungtaik, Mandalay, vassa 63, died at the age of 83. (WPD 10/ 29)

Earthquake

Sept. 30: A earthquake of slight intensity (4.0 Richter) was recorded at 11:21:10 Myanmar Standard Time, with epicentre 50 miles NE of Mawlamyine. (WPD 10/1)

Ayeyarwady Flood Relief

During the month, there were numerous articles noting donations of money and food sent for flood relief in Ayeyarwady Division, as well as shipments of seed and fertilizer for re-planting projects. Total cash donations since Aug. 9 were K7,906,668 as of Oct 21.

Sept. 30: Australia donated US\$ 15,910 to UNDP for Ayeyarwady flood victims. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 1: The Myanmar Embassy in Canberra has donated Deutsche Mark 240 [sic], and the Consulate General in Hong Kong has donated HK\$7,100 for flood relief. \\ SEAL Inc Sdn BHD of Malaysia donated K50,000 worth of clothing. (WPD 10/2)

Oct. 3: The Myanmar Embassy in New Delhi has donated US\$275. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 7: Myanmar Leading Logistics and Myanmar Singapore International Ltd. each donated K100,000. (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 8: World Vision International will donate US\$40,000 of medicines and personnel goods. The first consignment of medicines arrived. (WPD 10/9)

Oct. 15: The Myanmar Embassy in Cairo has donated 300 Deutsche marks. (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 18: Chairman Mrs. Sirina Siriwiroj of Thailand Salwini Company Ltd. and Phiboon Wathana Ltd. donated over K 2 million to the Relief and Resettlement Department for flood relief. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 24: Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona donated

US\$ 1,000. (WPD 10/25)

Oct. 30: FAO Representative Oscar Lazo signed an agreement to provide US\$150,000 for re-stocking livestock in the flood areas. (WPD 10/31)

Correction of Saw Maung Speech

Oct. 12: In his May 24 speech, State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung was quoted, referring to U Ne Win's trip to India, as saying "The Minister for Foreign Affairs may have gone along. I think U Lay Maung also went." (WPD 5/25). It should have read "I think Dr. Maung Maung also went." (WPD 10/12)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Oct. 22: During August 1991, the Tatmadaw seized 31.6 kilos of opium, 0.4 kilo of heroin, 54.6 kilos of marijuana, and 244 gallons of acid. During the same period, the police seized 45.8 kilos of opium (65 cases), 35 kilos of heroin (113 cases), 27.8 kilos of marijuana (64 cases), 923.9 litres of phensedyl (19 cases), 1,376 Chinese cough tablets (1 case), and 17.1 kilos of opium powder (3 cases). There were 214 cases of failure to register and 22 other drug-related cases. In all, the police took legal action against 656 people (501 cases). (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 23: In September 1991 the Tatmadaw seized 27.0 kilos of opium, 9.4 kilos of heroin, 5.6 kilos of marijuana, and 6 gallons of opium liquid. During the same period, police seized 107.7 kilos of opium (76 cases), 8.7 kilos of heroin (119 cases), 20.1 kilos of marijuana (58 cases), 45.9 litres of phensedyl (8 cases), 0.02 kilo of opium powder (1 case). There were 208 cases of failure to register and 20 other cases. The police took action against 652 people (490 cases). (WPD 10/24)

Marriage & Engagement

Oct. 26: Mg Kyaw Bik, B.E. Civil (Y.I.T.) Industrial Planning Department, Ministry of Industry 1, son of U Ral Ling and Daw Hlei Tail of Kalemyo, married Ma Lai Twe, B.A. (Geog.), A.T., S.H.S., No. (2) Falam, daughter of U Yoke Kwang and Daw Zung Sung of Falam, at Falam Baptist Church. (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 26: Maung Naing Win Tun (a) Steve Chang, son of U Tun Myint and Daw Khin Than, became engaged to Jennifer, daughter of Mr. Pao Ching Tsang and Yim Ling Liu, in San Francisco, California, USA. (WPD 10/31)

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