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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Monthly Press Briefing concentrated on the UNGA session and Senior General Than Shwe's State Visit to Cambodia, though questions were asked concerning relations with ASEAN and the European Union, and student activities. [POLITICAL]
 - Senior General Than Shwe warned against "superficial human rights." [POLITICAL: USDA]
 - Visit Myanmar Year 1996 was inaugurated with official fanfare, a Trade Fair, and other events. [ECONOMIC]
 - Article by Lyndon La Rouché associates accusing the US Republican Party and CIA of a conspiracy to re-establish the drug trade in Myanmar by supporting Aung San Suu Kyi! [POLITICAL-- Political Articles]
 - Annual Literary Awards [CULTURAL]
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POLITICAL

Slogans

The bottom of each front page continues to bear the slogan: Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan

The top of each back page has since May 30, 1996 had a new boxed-in "slogan":

People's Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges,

holding negative views.

* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation.

* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State.

* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy.

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

Nov. 1-21: Panditanan ca sevana, to associate with the wise; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Nov. 22-30: Pubbe ca katapunnata, to be endowed with merit accrued in the past; this is the way to auspiciousness.

The Twelve Objectives: Since July 6, 1995, each issue of NLM has listed the Four Political, Four Economic, and Four Social Objectives of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, generally on the front page [for texts, see January 1996 issue].

Political Articles

[Including, as appropriate, editorials]

Nov. 1-30: Past, present and future, by Pe Kan Kaung. [(15) More on August-September 1958 AFPFL split. (16) More, with excerpts from statements and newspapers. (17) more texts. (18) Clean AFPFL Conference of Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1958, in which U Nu and others "openly insulted and attacked the Tatmadaw." (19) Raising of paramilitary forces, in preparation for a coup. Unable to control the situation, U Nu asked General Ne Win to become Prime Minister, which he did on Sept. 28, 1958. (20) Caretaker government. (21) Establishment of caretaker government. (22) More AFPFL discussions. (23) Conflict between U Ba Swe and U Nu in 1959. (24) More in intra-AFPFL conflicts. (25) The 1960 elections. (26) Policies of 1960 U Nu government. (27) Politics and documents of 1961. (28) Political documents of 1961-62. (29) More documents. (30) More documents, on establishing Buddhism as state religion. (31) Documents from 1961-62 (32) Tatmadaw takeover of March 1962. (33) Activities of Revolutionary Council, 1962-63. (34) More Revolutionary Council documents. (35) 1965 documents. (36) Reactions to 1962 Tatmadaw takeover. (37) More 1962 documents. (38) More Revolutionary Council documents. (39) Myanmar Way to Socialism. (40) AFPFL and the Revolutionary Council. (41) Lanzin Party organization. (42) System of Correlation of Man and His Environment. (43) More on same. (44) AFPFL members quit to join Lanzin Party in 1962.]

Nov. 4,6-7,30: The warmth of Cambodia, by Tin Than Oo. [Appreciative account of Senior General Than Shwe's visit to Cambodia, and a history of the country.]

Nov. 5-6: We do not want you to act unthinkingly as others do, by A staff member of 'Myet Khin Thit'. [(1) Europe should not blindly follow America in endorsing fake claims that there is forced labor in Myanmar. General criticism of Europe and America. When somebody (like NLD) won a constituency of 300,000, with 150,000 eligible voters, of whom 90,000 voted, with 3 or 4 candidates, and the "winner" got 20,000 votes, that person got elected. "When investigation was made into cases of protest, it was usually heard how the over 20,000 votes have been obtained through rigging.... The conclusion will be that it was only a cheap bid by the NLD, which had got only 30 per cent of all those eligible to vote in the 1990 Multi-party Democracy General Election in Myanmar is playing tricks but was claiming as though the entire people supported them. It was a poor plot." (2) European-American disputes; American threats against Europe.]

Nov. 7: With synchronization of moves inside the country and abroad, by Thanlyet. [Foreign coordination of Daw Suu Kyi's actions. How she has hurt the education of Myanmar children. How Michael Aris pretended videos of volunteers sweeping the Shwedagon Pagoda were forced labour. Western control of Nobel Peace Prize awards. Support by CIA.]

Nov. 8: Are the so-called opposition elements in Myanmar for or

against democracy? by Kyaw Myint Naing. [Daw Suu Kyi and her crowd are just mouthing democracy in order to destroy national unity and hinder progress.]

Nov. 9: Shape of things to come, by Thanlyet. [Conversation between Thanlyet and U Myo Chit about the "Leik's {English} foul-airing department broadcast" programs and the "Kan's {American} foul-airing machine named Radio Free Europe." Now they seek to overthrow China. Various machinations of the "Ngapwagyi" {CIA} seeking to keep Myanmar out of ASEAN. But current Thai government is patriotic and will not cooperate.]

Nov. 10-11: Behind the curtain,.... by Byatti. [(1) How the CIA controls the World Anti-Communist League, the Forum World Features, Covert Action journal, Orbe news agency, Copley News Service, and Latin News Agency. The Burma Action Group (BAG) supports anti-Myanmar expatriates. "The major manipulators who control movements of BAG are Lady G, adoptive mother of Medawgyi worshipped by internal axe-handles, and Evelyn Aris, her mother-in law." (2) "Gang masters at various levels" replaced Prof. Yozo Yokota with Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah as UN Human Rights representative, who wrote about Myanmar without knowing anything about it. How neo-colonialists seek to overthrow the Tatmadaw Government and replace it with a puppet regime. Use of Nobel Prize. Distortion of news.]

Nov. 12: One step forward, two steps backward, by Byatti. [How "West Maidawgyi Suu Kyi" has sought to foment trouble since being released from house restrictions in 1995. Last Sunday, crowds assembled to hear her were about to disperse, but "the dollar-earning embassy personnel and foreigner correspondents keep the crowds from dispersing, spreading word as though Suu Kyi would be coming there presently," in the hope of creating an incident.]

Nov. 13-16: Myanmar people will do Myanmar's politics by themselves, by Reporter Thet Shay. [(1) Survey of countries that have resisted American pressure -- Japan and South Korea, Iran, Libya, Cuba, Iraq, Vietnam. Because American people oppose government policy, "the US Congress introduced a law forbidding the American people's listening to overseas broadcasts of the VOA." (2) Nefarious activities of CIA and BBC. (3) CIA control of Nobel Peace Prizes; thus naming of Bishop Belo in 1996 was "viewed as CIA's blow to break up Indonesia." (4) US economic sanctions. Myanmar masses "branded the Western-puppet Ma Suu Kyi as a traitor and the one who spoils the racial lineage. Before 1988, people saw her as a daughter of Bogyoke Aung San. But now they see her only as the daughter-in-law of the parents of that English slicker Michael Aris." Americans and its lackeys should wait, and take part in the elections held under the new Constitution resulting from the National Convention.]

Nov. 15: It'd be perplexing if one does not know, by Abaya. [Efforts of the 'Thaiknanshin Maidawgyi' to disrupt Visit Myanmar Year 1996. Proof that society must "be free from the two extremes -- being 'too tight' in controlling the society and being 'too loose' with man's freedom going beyond limits."]

Nov. 25-26: Harm caused by one's own deed, being caught in one's own trap -- all should beware!, by Thanlyet. [(1) Especially the "West Medawgyi" {Daw Aung San Suu Kyi}, who is controlled by "her man and the CIA." (2) By persisting in annoying the inhabitants of her neighborhood, by deliberately sabotaging economic development that was providing new jobs and hopes to many Myanmarers, by inflicting herself where she is not wanted, she is courting trouble.]

Nov. 27: Suu Kyi cannot destroy peace, tranquillity and development, by U Pyay Kyaw. [As the Billingtons pointed out {foreign article below}, the International Republican Institute, led by the "sly and crooked" ex-president George Bush and the CIA, is promoting a "National League for Democracy government of Mrs. Michael Aris" in order to destroy China and promote narcotics. Now Daw Suu Kyi is starting riots, as on Nov. 23, which are praised by the VOA and BBC. "To sum up, for her foolish deeds, Suu Kyi and cohorts will come to be punished by the people."]

Nov. 28: Beware, fellow ASEAN friendly nations, by Thanlyet.

[Daw Suu Kyi keeps visiting and dining with Western diplomats because she doesn't feel at home among Myanmar. "As she wants to breathe the Western air and to hear the Western voices as a relief measure, she has to visit embassies of the Western bloc and meet the whites." Meanwhile, America (Ngapwagyi) is trying to break up ASEAN. "No other nation can match Ngapwagyi in breaching human rights." Sexual harassment in military; torturing and murdering prison inmates; etc.]

Nov. 28: For ASEAN to stand firm against their schemes and attacks, by Thanlyet. [Review of US actions against Myanmar; ASEAN should beware of "Ngapwagyi."]

Nov. 30: Climbing up the pandal pole just to be visible to traitors within, by Sein Lun. [Bullying of Thailand by US President Clinton. US narcotics problems. "The people have openly said that internal destructive elements and axe-handles are Suu Kyi and her cohorts with slavish stinks. People are singling her out by name like that as they can no longer control their anger against Suu Kyi, as she is harming their interests, obeying alien dictates and has married to an alien.... Let me just tell Clinton that he ...has insulted and slandered Myanmar...."]

Foreign Articles About Myanmar

Nov. 22-24: Myanmar and the opium trade. Will Dope, Inc. lose control of the golden Triangle? A profile of the institutions trying to destabilize Myanmar, by Michael and Gail Billington. From the Executive Intelligence Review Journal (USA), of Oct. 25, 1996. [(1) The IRI (International Republican Institute) is an American organization set up under the National Endowment for Democracy as a conduit for CIA funds, and with the heavy participation of former Secretary of State George Shultz is seeking to drug legalization and "promoting the economic looting agenda of deregulation, privatization, and liberalization" which has destroyed the Russian economy. Similarly, in Asia, "the Bush and Kissinger networks, who run IRI, maintain cover of being 'old friends' of China their intent to support British efforts to divide China is evidenced by their destabilizing operations in countries along China's border, including Myanmar." (2) "We have then the IRI, a leading institution of the international drug lobby, financing and training a movement to take over the largest opium producing country in the world." Pro narcotics activities of George Soros and his Drug Policy Foundation. CIA drug involvement in Southeast Asia. SLORC's anti-narcotics activities. (3) Real purpose of NLD and Aung San Suu Kyi, or their backers such as "kingpin" {George} Bush and Massachusetts Governor William Weld, is to reconstitute the drug-dependent economies of the region. They have also engaged in a witch hunt against Lyndon La Rouché and his associates, including Michael Billington who wrote Dope, Inc. which "named those individuals and institutions behind the multi-trillion-dollar drug business."]

Nov. 23: Immemorable visit of Myanmar, by Manju Ratna Sakya, from Today National and International Magazine of Nepal. [Account of January 1996 visit by Nepalese journalists.]

Information Committee Briefing

Nov. 1: The fourth monthly news briefing of the State Law and Order Restoration Council was held, in the presence of 42 foreign journalists, diplomats, and others: was held [full text]

Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw stated that Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw would discuss the 51st Session of the UNGA in New York, and the visit of SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe to Cambodia, to be followed by questions and answers.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw noted that the UNGA session had to elect a new UN Secretary-General, and there were important issues involving the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. The session also coincided with the 35th anniversary of the Non-Aligned Movement. [UN General Assembly]

"That particular occasion was where all the ministers of foreign affairs of NAM had an opportunity to meet and discuss and to

find ways to cooperate in the deliberations of the General Assembly matters, he said, adding two and a half weeks of his participation was in the earlier part of the General Assembly particularly in the opening session. Altogether 181 out of 185 representatives of the world body had taken the floor and made policy statements

"Major topics included had been the reform the UN as there had been some developments taking place inside the UN and in the other countries. The necessity for timely reform of the UN was one of the main objectives most of the countries were very much concerned, the minister said.

"He said that to restore its credibility and make it more relevant was also important as there were many peacekeeping, peace-making and preventive diplomacy; and then the Secretariat itself, had been full of problems and encountering many difficulties. That was the reason why many countries including major powers withheld their contributions and making moves that they would not like to contribute because some aspects needed to be amended for the relevancy as well as the credibility of the Secretariat of the UN. These were the excuses, and these were the movements that certain powers have been making as demands....

"Now, after the two and a half weeks, he said, the respective committee meetings were taking place. The normal topics would be dealt with, and among them, as far as Myanmar was concerned, there was only one single draft resolution in the Third Committee. There were more than 185 countries and then there were more than 180 agenda items but among them Myanmar had only one resolution in the Third Committee that concerned the human rights situation in Myanmar that was started five years ago.

"While attending this meeting, he had the occasion to meet, on a bilateral basis, with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway at his request. He wanted to know the developments in Myanmar and he had about half an hour to 40 minutes to talk with him, noting that the discussions would be most contributive towards better understanding of the efforts Myanmar have been making in the country."

The Minister reviewed his participation in events honoring the 35th Anniversary of the NAM, and his meetings with the new General Assembly President (from Malaysia), with the European Troika, the Foreign Ministers of Italy, Ireland, and the Netherlands. He also met with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister and with the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In addition, "he received the Global Vision Television Enterprise and gave an interview to them."

In the First Committee, Myanmar had tabled a draft for disarmament which "received a very wide range of support." In the Third Committee, Myanmar was explaining the latest developments in Myanmar and current government policies.

"'Out of over 150 agenda items, the one that concerns us is in the Third Committee. So Myanmar is now trying to explain to them that, before they make an attempt to discredit or to pass a stronger resolution against Myanmar, what is actually taking place in our country will have to be fully explained. Myanmar ambassadors there are very active explaining to their counterparts.'

"'And of course, this year, Myanmar is very much encouraged that the ASEAN countries have been providing us a very meaningful cooperation towards its delegation. In addition to that we have a complete understanding with Japan, because the Japanese Permanent Representative is always trying to help in dealing with the so-called EU and the Western Camp.'"
Visit to Cambodia

The Minister went on to review at some length the visit to Cambodia by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, stressing its cordiality, and the agreements made with Cambodia.
[Questions and Answers]

Asked by U Maung Maung of Ji Ji Press about European Union governments' decision to take action against Myanmar, the Foreign

Minister said he had explained to Dick Spring, the President of the European Union, "how Myanmar is trying to build the democratic system and a few of the reports are not true and there is no gross violation of human rights as accused in those reports."

Asked by U Hla Htwe of Nihon Zeizai Shimbun about the timing of Myanmar's entry into ASEAN, the Minister said "he did not think there was any shift in ASEAN attitude.... One will be integrated into ASEAN in a matter of time, sooner or later, he said, once one had observer status; as far as the integrity, spirit is concerned there is no change of heart...."

Asked by Mr. Thomas Minter of CNN about the government's position towards the NLD and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Minister "said dialogue is a process where widest possible representation is more valuable" and that dialogue had in fact been going on in the National Convention since 1993.

Asked by Mr. S. Tsuka Taka of Yomiuri Shimbun about the action taken by the US and European Union, the Minister said it was "very much one-sided in the approach; it is Myanmar's duty to explain that their perception is wrong.... He noted that if they would like to interfere in the internal affairs, then there is the basis of reciprocity."

Asked by Mr. Matthew Pennington of AFP about reciprocal measures against the European Union, the Minister said it would be decided by the Foreign Ministry, and any measures might not be against all 15 Union members since many of them were Myanmar's friends, "but Myanmar has to take action against those people who are belligerent; the reciprocity will be there."

Asked by Miss Deborah Charles of Reuters about student activities, Deputy Minister for Education Dr. Than Nyunt said that student gatherings at the beginning of term were normal, and the meeting of Oct. 20 was of that nature. The University is running in full session.

Asked by U Hla Htwe of Nihon Keizai Shimbun about student activities on Oct. 21 and 22, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col. Tin Hlaing "said the authorities had done all that should be done; those responsible too had done so as they were responsible."

Asked by Mr. Shinichi Isobe of NHK about dialogue with internal politicians, Col. Kyaw Thein of the Office of Strategic Studies said feelers had been sent in advance to national armed groups, and they had all endorsed the State Law and Order Restoration Council's Three Main National Causes, and agreed to join hands with the government in developing the border areas. On the other hand, some of the internal politicians "were quite temperamental and most of them were not talking about the development of the country but talking about sanctions and other things," and this had to be assessed by the government in deciding whether to go on with dialogue or not. (NLM 11/2)

Special Refresher Courses

Nov. 15: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed the conclusion of Special Refresher Course No. 24 for Basic Education Teachers. Noting the efforts of neo-colonialists "to prompt internal traitorous elements under the influence of the imperialists to jeopardize peace and stability of the State....," he "called on the teachers to keep in touch with their students and spotlight to them steps of neo-colonialists and elements under the imperialists to enable them to see clearly and guide them so that they might not be used by those who have lost their national identity in their programme of enslaving the nation...."]

National Races

Oct. 31: National racial leader U Mahtu Naw and party of Shan State (North) Special Region 5 called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 11/1)

USDA

Nov. 11: Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe addressed the opening of Management Course No. 7 for USDA Executives, noting, *inter alia*, that "a nation has no sovereignty if it has to follow the dictates of others having to act whatever way the strings are pulled, despite its independence." He said that the government is "working for the emergence of a disciplined democracy compatible to Myanmar, and at the same time making arrangements to enable the people to enjoy the basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter as fundamental human rights; if steps are taken with priority to grant superficial human rights that permit people to do as they like without there being a good foundation, the nation will be destroyed..." He spoke of the duty of the people, including all USDA members, "to resolutely crush destructive elements inside and outside the country as common enemy who are disrupting all the development endeavours with the sole aim of gaining power in collusion between those inside and outside the country." (NLM 11/ 12)

Pyithu Hluttaw Members Resign

Nov. 4: Election Commission Announcement No. 1305 of Nov. 4 announces the resignation of NLD Pyithu Hluttaw representative-elect Dr. Sein Myint (Bogalay-2) at "his own volition." (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 28: Election Commission Announcement No. 1313 of Nov. 28 announces the resignation of NLD Pyithu Hluttaw representative-elect U Saw Oo Ral (Phruhso) "due to his old age and ill health." (NLM 11/29)

Sen-Gen. Than Shwe on Tour

Nov. 15: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe inspected the Yadana Gas Project and offshore energy projects in Taninthayi Division. [page of photos] (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 16: He inspected development projects in Taninthayi Division and Mon and Kayin States. [page of photos] (NLM 11/17)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

[The following calls were paid on Burmese officials by foreign Embassy or UN officials accredited to Burma. Details of the meetings are rarely reported. Ambassadors generally accompany foreign visitors from their countries on official calls, and their presence is generally not noticed in this Summary. Newly arrived and departing Ambassadors generally make the rounds of Cabinet Ministers and other leading officials.]

Oct. 31: Bangladesh Military Attache Brig. Jahangir Kabir, who will return home at the end of his tour of duty, called on Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, accompanied by his successor, Brig. Nisiruddin Sarwar. Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen. Patrick Choy Choong Tow called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun. French Cultural Attache M. Didier Maule called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun to discuss sending scholars to France. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 1: Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen. Patrick Choy Choong Tow called on Minister for Culture U Aung San. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 5: The Singapore Ambassador called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 6: The Singapore Ambassador called on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen. Myint Aung, and Minister at the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Brig-Gen. Myo Thant. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 7: The Singapore Ambassador called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 8: Indonesian Ambassador Maj-Gen. (Police) A. Poerwanto Lenggono called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 9: Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov,

accompanied by Third Secretary Valery A. Bondarehko, called on Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 21: Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen. Patrick Choy Choong Tow called on Minister for Mines Lt-Gen. Kyaw Min. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov called on Minister for Culture U Aung San. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 23: Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen. Patrick Choy Choong Tow called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries U Aung Thaung. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 29: Russian Ambassador Valeri Vartanovich Nazarov called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun. (NLM 11/30)

Military Attache Trip

Nov. 8: Military attaches in Yangon, and their families, departed on a visit to areas in the North-East and Central Commands, led by Staff Officer Lt-Col. Khin Maung Thein of DDSI and the Dean of Military Attaches Senior Col. Wu Huachang of the Chinese Embassy. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 10: The Attaches returned to Yangon. Their trip took them to Lashio, Muse, and Mandalay, where they saw sights, met with military and anti-narcotics personnel, etc. [photo shows 19 military personnel, apparently including two Myanmar escorts.]

New Myanmar Ambassadors

Nov. 4: U Khin Nyunt on Oct. 25 presented credentials in Helsinki to President Martti Ahtisaari, as new Burmese Ambassador to Finland. (NLM 11/4)

New Ambassadors to Myanmar

[Mr. Kent Wiedemann has taken up his position as new Charge d'Affaires of the United States, replacing Ms. Marilyn A. Meyers.]

Nov. 20: Mr. Arnaldo Carrilho presented credentials to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe as new Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar. (NLM 11/21)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Joint Workshops & Seminars

Oct. 31: The ALGAS Myanmar National Kick-off and GHG Inventory Training Workshop organized by the National Commission for Environmental Affairs continued for its second and final day. It was conducted by Mr. Matthew S. Mendis of AED, Dr. A.P. Mitra of National Physical Laboratory, India, Dr. N. H. Ravindranath of the Institute for Science, India, and Dr. Ijaz Hossain of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, Bangladesh. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 9: A Seminar on Production of Teaching Aids for Vocational Education, so-sponsored by UNESCO and the Myanmar UNESCO Commission, concluded. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 12: A Workshop on Veterinary Medicines and Added Feedstuff was held, with presentations by Director-General U Kyaw Lwin of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Director Mr. Lim Thian Guan of Imex Singapore Pte. Ltd. (Prevention and treatment of veterinary diseases), Chief Executive Mr. Stan Zinnel of Fermented Products Co. of the USA (Results and outcomes of feeding medicines and added feedstuff). (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 12: A Country-level Workshop on Financial/Economic Appraisal of Inland Water Transport Projects, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Transport and ESCAP, was held, with a presentation by ESCAP Inland Water expert Mr. Li Yuwei. There are 20 participants in the 4-day workshop. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 12: A presentation of Integrated Computerized Banking System of the '90s was held, organized by Mastech Co. Ltd., and sponsored by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, and attended 56 bank officials. Speakers included Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, Chairman U Khin Maung Ohn of Mastech Co. Ltd., and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Chuah Wan Pin of INFOPRO. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 19: An Italian Woodworking Technology Seminar, sponsored by the Ministry of Forestry, was held at the International Business Centre, with officials from the Italian Trade Commission, Italian Woodworking Machinery and Tools Manufacturer's Association, Wood-based Products Joint-Venture, and various officials. (NLM 11/20) [see also under Business Visitors]

Nov. 19: A two-day Seminar on Tectonics in South-East Asia was held at the Sedona Hotel, cosponsored by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein, and Arco Myanmar Co., represented by Resident Manager Mr. Fred A. Availa. Presentations will be made by Dr. Paul Taponnier and Dr. Steve Bergman. (NLM 11/20)

International Cooperation

Oct. 31: The Myanmar-UNICEF Annual Programme Review Meeting was held at the Department of Medical Research, in the presence of UNICEF Regional Director Dr. Pratima Kale and UNICEF Resident Representative Dr. Juan R. Aguilar Leon. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 6: Chairman Mr. Hirose Shoji and members of Kyushu Massage Co. Ltd. completed a 13-week course in Japanese Massage, attended by 49 trainees. (NLM 11/ 7)

Nov. 27: A Study Mission from the Asia Pacific Forum (of Japan), led by General Secretary Mr. Kazuhiko Koyama of the Japan Institute for Overseas Development, arrived to participate in the Myanmar-Japan Economic Roundtable. The General Secretary called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Forum Vice-President Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae and party called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and on Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss "common interests and investment opportunities". The Deputy Leader, Senior Managing Director Mr. Teruyoshi Katsurada of Dentsu Inc. called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. (NLM 11/28) // Nov. 28: The Myanmar-Japan Economic Roundtable opened at the Sedona Hotel, sponsored by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Asia Pacific Forum of Japan. It was addressed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba and by Vice-President Mr. Tatsuro Matsumae of the Forum.

Nov. 28: The Myanma Business and Investment Forum was held in Tokyo, concluding Nov. 13, and cosponsored by the Myanmar Embassy, the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). Participants included over 150 officials, entrepreneurs, and observers from Myanmar and Japan, including Chairman Mr. Iwao Toriumi of the Japan-Myanmar Economic Committee (and Executive President of Marubeni Corp.), President Mr. Toru Toyoshima of JETRO, Myanmar Ambassador U Soe Win, Prof. Mr. Minoru Kinyu, Deputy Director-General Dr. Tun Shin of the Myanmar Investments Commission, Chairman Mr. Takahara of the CRC Research Institute, Vice Chairman U Khin Shwe of the Myanmar Engineer and Construction Association, Vice-Chairman U Thein Tun of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry Association. (NLM 11/29)

Regional and Border Cooperation

Nov. 1: Myanmar and Thailand, represented respectively by Director-General Dr. Hla Myint of the Health Department, and Deputy Permanent Secretary Dr. Renu Kuysooko for the Minister of Public [sic], signed a contract "to cooperate in health programmes including at border areas between the two nations." (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 11: Thai-Myanmar aviation talks were held, with Myanmar represented by Director-General U Tin Aye of the Department of Civil Aviation, and Thailand by Director-General Mr. Srisook Changdransu of the Civil Aviation Department. Representatives from Thai and Myanmar airlines, ministries, etc. participated. The meeting will continue on Nov. 12. (NLM 11/12)

Lloyd's Shipping Meeting

Nov. 10: President Mr. P. C. K. O'Ferrall (OBE) of Lloyd's Register of Shipping Group, who will attend the 22nd East Asia Lloyd's Register of Shipping East Asia Committee Meeting here, called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 11: The meeting was held, with representatives from Singapore, Hong Kong, Myanmar, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, and Korea. A dinner marking the East Asia Committee meeting was held, and addressed by Chairman Mr. O'Ferrall and East Asia Committee Chairman Mr. Stephan Pan. (NLM 11/12)

Japanese Debt Relief

Nov. 26: Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin and Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Yamaguchi signed an exchange of notes "for providing debt relief assistance," under which Japan will grant \diamond 4 billion as the "16th debt relief assistance as the Myanmar Government made repayments of \diamond 4000 for yen loans last September and October." The 15th debt relief assistance, of \diamond 5,000, had been granted in February. "The money will be spent in purchasing machinery, raw materials and spare parts for departments and organizations." (NLM 11/27)

Donations from Abroad

[We report here donations apparently from foreign sources, except for those incidental to visits reported elsewhere; foreign sources are presumed if gifts are in foreign currency, or donors are identified as "Mr.". We do not normally report the numerous articles on Burmese donations to government, religious, and social organizations and charities, including the current favorite recipient, the Myanmar Karuna Foundation headed by Patron for Life Minister for Trade Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi.]

Oct. 31: Chairman Mr. A. Mazumdar of Myanmar Tractors & Trading Co. donated K 1 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation, his company donated K 500,000, and Myanmar Kaido Co. Ltd. K 500,000. (NLM 11/ 1)

Nov. 1: The Sann Sann Trading Co. Ltd. and Myanmar Xin Xing International Co. Ltd. donated K 1 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 4: Chairman U Thein Lwin of the Border Merchants Association of Kawthoung District donated K 2.2 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 5: Director Mr. Umesh Khaitan and party of Swil International Pte. Ltd. donated K 1 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 5: Chinese Ambassador Mrs. Chen Baoliu donated five sewing machines to Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 8: Dr. Amir Abbas of Health Solutions (Se Asia) Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur) of Malaysia donated ten beds and equipment to the Health Department. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 8: Representative Mr. Dong Kwi Kim and party of Samsung Electronics of Korea donated K 1.2 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 12: Managing Director Mr. Pornchai Tantivirasut of Rice Engineering Supply Co. Ltd. of Thailand donated K 1.5 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/ 13)

Nov. 14: Ciba-Geigy Co. donated medicines worth K 1.65 million to Yangon General Hospital, K 300,000 to "the new Yangon General Hospital", K 300,000 to the Workers Hospital, and K 750,000 to the Defence Services General Hospital (Mingaladon) (on Nov. 8), and K 600,000 to North Okkalapa Hospital (on Nov. 12). (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 14: Director Mr. Michael Siew and party of Master Auto Ltd. donated K 1 million to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 17: Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej donated kathina robes and US \$391.85 (10,000 bahts) to the Ywama Pariyatti Sarthintaik; the Thai Foreign Ministry donated US\$ 19,592 (500,000 bahts). (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 18: The Thai Government donated US\$ 39,000 (1 million

bahts) to the Tooth Relic Pagodas. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: Various donations were made to the Myanma Traditional Cultural Regatta Festival, specifically Nestle Milo T-shirts worth K 40,000 from Sail Macann Erickson Ltd.; golfing and regular umbrellas and T-shirts worth K 96,000 from AT & K Engineering Enterprise Ltd., representing Caltex Trading Pte. Ltd.; cold drinks worth K 56,000 from Pepsi Cola Product Myanmar; and purified drinking water worth K 55,000 from Pelta Myanmar International Group. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 19: Chairman Mr. Lim Yong Wah and party of Pidemco Land Ltd. of Singapore donated \$10,000 to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 19: Chief Executive Officer Mr. Wilson How and Managing Director U Kyaw Myint of MacComm Media Services donated track suits worth K 45,000 to the Ministry of Information Sports Committee. (NLM 11/ 20)

Nov. 21: Manager Mr. Francis Au Seng Huat and party of U E Myanmar Ltd. donated two computers worth K 500,000 to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 23: Chairman Mr. Steven Lek and party of Hiap Huat Holdings of Singapore donated "K \$ 5,000" [sic] for the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 27: Mr. William Chong Jun Hua of Lincoln Electric Co. (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd. of Singapore donated welding books worth US\$ 7,800 to the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department. (NLM 11/ 28)

Nov. 27: Chairman Mr. Cha Hak Koo of LG Semicon Co. of Korea donated medicines and cash totalling US\$ 13,000 to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 27: China donated deep freezers and communications equipment to the Ministries of Education and Information. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 29: Managing Director Mr. Morris and wife Dr. Lynda Morris of Texaco Exploration Myanmar Inc. donated \$5,000 for the Students Sports Festival. (NLM 11/30)

FOREIGN VISITORS

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

International Agency Visitors

Nov. 27: A mission from the International Monetary Fund led by Advisor Mr. Ajai Chopra (Central Asia Department) called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. Among those present was Executive Director Mr. Zamani Abdul Chani of the South-East Asia voting group. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 29: A delegation from UNDCP, led by Director Mr. Christian Korn-evall of Operational Activities and Technical Services called on Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen. Mya Thin. (NLM 11/30)

Business Visitors

[May include Governmental delegations with predominantly commercial aims, as well as foreign businessmen resident in Myanmar. Foreign delegations are often accompanied on their calls by their country's Ambassador or other diplomatic personnel in Yangon, but we do not normally record the fact.]

Oct. 31: Group General Executive Director Mr. Tuan Sayed A. Al-Attas and party of Dajanti Holdingss Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 11/1)

Oct. 31: Mr. Kazuhiro Kito and party of Kohyo Co. Ltd. of Japan called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss sea prawn and fish production. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 4: A Malaysian delegation led by Adviser to the Prime Minister Dato Cheah Lai Shin called on Chairman of the Myanmar

Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 5: He called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, and on Minister for Industry 1 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (NLM 11/ 6)

Nov. 4: A French economic delegation led by Director of International Affairs Mr. Andre Vessier of the French Civil Aviation Authority called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 5: He called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win, and on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 4: Patron Dr. Prapa Viriyaprapaikit of the Sahaviriya Group of Thailand and party called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss "construction of Taninthayi coastal deep-sea port, industrial zone, and steel mill." (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 5: He called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 4: Chairman Mr. Shigetaka Koyanagi and 20 members of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 5: Chairman Mr. T. Raj Sayall and party of Pritsons (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 5: Chairman Mr. Chan Fat Chu and party of Tem Fat Hing Fung (Holdings) Ltd. and the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 5: Mr. Kazuhiro Hito, head of Kohyo Co. of Japan, and party, called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries U Aung Thaung to discuss construction of cold storage and ice factories for fish and prawn production. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 6: A consortium of businessmen from Engineering and Environmental Consultants Co. Ltd. of Britain, Black and Yeatch International Co. of the USA, and Itochu Corporation of Japan, led by honorary Namibian Consul to Malaysia Dato Sonny L S Cheah DSDK AMK, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss cement factories, the Hanthawady International Airport, and hydroelectric power. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 6: Chairman Mr. Yataro Inaba and 45 members of the OWA (Osaka Wholesalers Association) called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 7: President Mr. Nobuo Wakazono and party of Gifu Hino Motor Co. Ltd. of Japan called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 7: A delegation from the German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV), led by Peter Amsek, called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss opening a resident office in Myanmar. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 7: Chairman Mr. Patrick Cheung of Pacific Century Regional Developments Ltd. called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 7: Vice-President Mr. Jean Desazars and party of Lafarge Co. of France called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss a cement plant. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 7: Vice-Chairman Mrs. Krisa-dawan Promchana and party of the Thai Garment Manufacturers' Association called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 7: A delegation led by Mr. Chen Gong Ze of the Chengda Chemical Engineering Corp. of China from Sichuan Province called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 9: Managing Director Mr. Leong Keng Wan of Win Company demonstrated Win welding equipment. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 9: A Japanese delegation led by Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda of the

Ministry of Finance called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 10: Chairman Mr. Richard Ablon and party of Ogden Corp. of New York called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss international airports. (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 11: Chairman Mr. Para Ciputra and party of the Ciputra Group called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss golf course and real estate projects. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 11: Consultant Engineer Mr. Menno Willense and party of Oakwell Industries Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss natural gas power generators. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 12: Managing Director for Construction Section Mr. Koizumi Satoru of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 12: A delegation led by Chairman Mr. Yasuo Goto of the Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation Fund of Japan and the Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance Co. Ltd. called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 13: A delegation led by General Manager Mr. Keiichi Nagai of Mitsui Co. of Japan called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 13: Chairman Rev. Kim Tae Wan and party of the Korea-Myanmar Friendship Society called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 15: He called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 14: Chairman Mr. Jang Soo Kim of Doopung Industrial Co. Ltd. of Korea met with Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi; he also donated K 200,000 to the Myanmar Karuna Foundation. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 14: General Manager Mr. Wang Rongsheng of the China State Shipbuilding Corp. called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 14: Chairman Mr. Muramatsu Norio Tejima and party of Sendai Association of Corporate Executives of Japan called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 14: Senior Department Officer Mr. Tatsuya Hoshino of Metal and Heavy Industrial Plant Department [of what??] called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 14: A 61-member Jiangsu [China] Provincial Trade Delegation, led by Mr. Wu Fumin and comprising representatives of 30 companies, held a press conference; they will display machinery, electronic appliances, chemicals, and textiles. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 15: Managing Director M. Moghni Rahmat of AIROD Snd. Bhd., Malaysia, called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/16) // Nov. 16: He called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 16: Chief Executive Officer Mr. T. S. Ong of Genting Sanyen (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 18: Chairman and President Mr. Myung Sun Chang of Korea Exchange Bank and party called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: Vice-President Mr. Willan Scott Price and party of

Smithkline Beecham called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: Chairman Mr. Seree Wanpai Chitr and party of the Tourism Authority of Thailand called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: General Manager Mr. Andy Ang of Bulk Trade Pte. Ltd. called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/ 19)

Nov. 18: General Manager Mr. Lim Keng Hock of Comintel Company called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: General Manager Mr. Yuzoshi Kata and party of Daiwa Securities of Japan called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: Managing Director Mr. Ooi Kim Keat and party of Mission View Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries U Aung Thaung. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: Chairman Mr. Ryoichi Gunji and party of the Japan Association of Travel Agents called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/ 20)

Nov. 19: Managing Director Mr. Eugene S. Davis of Finansa Ltd. of Thailand and party called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 19: Mr. Arthur Tay of the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board and party called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba to discuss a world-class hotel and golf course in the Inlay region. (NLM 11/ 20)

Nov. 19: Director (Eastern Region) Mr. Rajiv Gujral of Indian Hotels Co. Ltd. called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba to discuss a hotel project. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 19: President Mr. Eric Pereira and party of Stanford College Group of Singapore called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss a training school. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 20: Mr. Rob Dempsey of Depemi Pty. Ltd. of Australia called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/ 21)

Nov. 20: A goodwill delegation led by Mayor Mr. Toshiendo of Mitsukaido City called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 11/ 21)

Nov. 20: Director Mr. George Tan of Royal Brunei Airline called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 20: Mr. Toshi Minoura of the Singapore audit firm Arthur Andersen & Co., and Mr. Yasuhide Fujii of a Malaysian audit firm called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 20: Mr. Shima Koichi and party of Nagano Prefecture Employers' Association called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 21: The President of Loxley International Co. Ltd. and party called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe to discuss digital mapping. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: Director Amitsur Rosenfeld and party of Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd., Amos Communication Satellites, called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: A delegation led by Mr. Zhu Shiyin of Shanghai called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe to discuss wood-based industries. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: A Chinese economic mission called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries U Aung Thaung to discuss fisheries, chicken, and pork. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: General Manager Mr. T. Funa of Mitsubishi Corp. called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss building dredgers for the Myanmar Port Authority. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: A 10-member Italian Timber Entrepreneurs delegation led by Italian Trade Commissioner Dr. Antonio Laspina called on

Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: Adviser Mr. T. Iwamoto of T&M Co. Ltd. of Japan called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 21: Chairman Mr. Tay Choon Hye of United International Ltd. called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss airport duty free shops. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: Executive Director Mr. Hak Ki Kang and party of L G Engineering Co. Ltd. called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss natural gas and oil applications. (NLM 11/ 23)

Nov. 22: Managing Director Dr. C. S. Quah of Myanmar Genting Sanyen Ltd. called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win to discuss the Thilawa port and Dawei deep-sea port. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 22: Managing Director Mr. Frankie Chew and party of Timber Team Pacific Pte. Ltd. of Singapore called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 22: Vice-Chairman Mr. Zhu Shi Ken and party of the Jingan Township People's Government of China called on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 23: Managing Director Mr. Uwe Finke of Nowika Co. called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries U Aung Thaung to discuss poultry and pork breeding in Daik U, Bago Division. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 26: Chairman and CEO Mr. Cha-Hak Koo and party of Lucky GoldStar Semicon Co. Ltd. of Korea called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/27) // Nov. 27: He called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. [see also under Donations]. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 26: President Mr. Misao Hamada of and party of Will Associate Co. Ltd. of Japan called on Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin to discuss formation of Japan-Myanmar and Myanmar-Japan Health Associations, and investment prospects. (NLM 11/27)

Nov. 27: General Manager Mr. Akihiko Tanaka of Kumagai Gumi Co. Ltd. of Japan and party called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung to discuss road and bridge construction. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 27: A "transport and communication routes study delegation" from Yunnan Province, China, toured the Ayeyawady by boat from Bhamo to Mandalay on Nov. 20-23. (NLM 11/28) // Nov. 29: Between Nov. 27-29 the mission surveyed the Ayeyawady River between Bagan and Pyay. On Nov. 29, it left Pyay for Hinthada. (NLM 11/30)

Nov. 29: President Mr. Peter Treytl and party of Detecon Deutsche Telepost Consulting GmbH called on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/30)

Nov. 29: Senior Project Manager Mr. Koichi Shimizu of Itochu Corporation called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win. (NLM 11/30)

Media Visitors

Nov. 15: A Malaysian journalist delegation led by Executive Mr. Abdul Samud Tahir of Malaysia Airlines called on Minister at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office Secretary of the Myanma Investment Committee Brig-Gen. Maung Maung. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 20: Managing Director George Mertensmeger of Bangkok-based Media Vision Co. Ltd. of Trans Tel of Germany, and party, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba; he is filming the VMY 1996 opening ceremonies. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 21: President Mr. Manju Ratna Sakya of Nepal Journalists Association and party called on Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: Mr. Richard Goslan and party of CNBC News Agency,

based in Hong Kong, called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba. (NLM 11/23)

Academic and Medical Visitors

Nov. 17: Managing Director Mr. Gerard Geracis of Dumex Thailand Co., Chairman U Ye Myint of the Myanmar Medical Association (MMA), Residential Manager Mr. Peter Moe Kyaw of East Asiatic Co. Ltd. and Rector Dr. Win May of the Institute of Nursing spoke at a medical talk co-sponsored by the MMA and Dumex. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 20: 29 trainees of the Master of Primary Health Care Management of Mahidol University ASEAN Institute for Health Development and four supervisors led by Dr. Somboon Kietinun arrived Nov. 18 to conduct "field trips of health services" in Myanmar. They will visit Kyauktan Township and Bago, and sights in Yangon, before returning to Bangkok Nov. 21. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 23: Prof. Mare Gignoux of Caen Hospital, France, called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun under the Myanmar-France medical exchange programme. (NLM 11/24)

Religious Visitors

Nov. 1: Chinese Buddhist pilgrims led by Theravada Buddhist Monk Ven. Su San Li (Hung Miao) of Maesai, Thailand, donated 3,000 sets of robes, stationery, and a Toyota car to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. The monk had previously visited in 1994. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 2: Over 150 Korean Buddhist pilgrims led by Rev. Ven Jiam arrived Nov. 1 by chartered airbus; they will visit Yangon, Bagan, and Mandalay. (NLM 11/3) // Nov. 6: They departed on Nov. 5. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 6: Over 190 Korean Buddhist pilgrims led by President Ven. Jeon Woon Duk of the Korea Chun Tae Buddhist Order, arrived to visit Yangon, Bagan, and Mandalay. They donated \$10,000 to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. Fourteen monks from the group called on State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee members. (NLM 11/7) // Nov. 9: They made offerings to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 13: Thirty Korean pilgrims led by Rev. Kim Tae Wan of the Korea-Myanmar Friendship Society arrived. [see also under Business visitors] (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 14: The leader called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 13: A Chinese Buddhist goodwill delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr. Luo-sang Chinai of the Religious Bureau of the Chinese State Council, arrived. It called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 15: The delegation met with the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. (NLM 11/16) // Nov. 21: The delegation left. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 13: Bangladesh citizen Ko Maung Maung was novitiated as a monk on Nov. 12 in Yangon; 5 Bangladesh women entered nunhood. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 21: The "first international communal Kathina" was held at the Penang-Singapore Kyaungtaik in Natchaung Ward, Tarmway Township, Yangon, attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and leading members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, "foreign missionary Sayadaws of Sri Lanka, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, the United States, Thailand and India led by Patron Sayadaw of Myanmar Kyaungtaiks foreign missionary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannavamsa, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Siggava of Penang-Singapore Kyaungtaik and other Sayadaws." The Secretary-1 noted that "As the ceremony was attended by foreign missionary Sayadaws led by Sayadaw...Siggava, who had resided in Makutarama monastery in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during his Buddhist missionary services abroad for more than 60 years and is now residing in Penang-Singapore Kyaungtaik, and Sayadaw...Pannavamsa, who has set up Buddhist missions in Penang, Singapore, Canada and Los Angeles, it was called an international kathina, he remarked." (NLM 11/22)

Cultural Visitors

Nov. 14: A Korean goodwill delegation met with Minister for Culture U Aung San to discuss exchange of dance troupes and experts. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 22: Dr. Warren Hill and party of ZX1 N Amateur Radio Group of US called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and gave the Ministry an IBM compatible Windows 95 computer. (NLM 11/ 23)

Bangladeshi Commerce Minister

Oct. 31: Bangladesh Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Tofail Ahmed and party called on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. He also met with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. Director-General U Kyaw Myint of the Trade Department and Secretary of the Ministry of Industries Mr. M. Akthar Ali signed minutes of a trade meeting. The delegation returned home. (NLM 11/1)

Chinese Goodwill Delegation

Nov. 1: The Chinese goodwill delegation led by Mayor Mr. Shi Guoxing of Yang Zhou departed. (NLM 11/2)

ASEAN Secretary-General

Nov. 3: Secretary-General Dato Ajit Singh and party of ASEAN, which is visiting at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, toured the Thilawa Container Yard Project. Later, the Foreign Minister hosted a dinner. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 4: The Secretary-General called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw to "discuss preparatory steps to be taken by Myanmar for its full integration into ASEAN." The Secretary-General was accompanied by ASEAN Secretariat members Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng, Dr. Termsak Chalermphanupap, and Mr. Lim Hong Hin. Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Nyi Nyi Than, the delegation visited the Institute of Computer Science and Technology, and the Ngamoyeik Dam. Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng and Dr. Termsak Chalermphanupap also gave a briefing on ASEAN at the International Business Centre, organized by the Foreign Ministry. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 8: The Secretary-General visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, the Myanma Computer Company Ltd., and the Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, escorted by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and by Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Nyi Nyi Than. He also called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 9: The Secretary-General gave a press conference, at the conclusion of his visit to Myanmar. He said he had made a week-long visit to look into Myanmar's preparations for entering ASEAN, and to see what kinds of assistance the ASEAN Secretariat could provide; he had had a useful exchange of views, and now knew what the situation was and what assistance Myanmar needed.

In response to a question by Mr. Thomas Mintier of CNN, he said that there were various technical questions, such as Myanmar's entry into AFTA, but there was a lot of time between now and July. The Secretariat was doing everything possible to assist Myanmar to join ASEAN as soon as possible.

In response to a question from Mr. Stephen B. Brookes of Asia Times, he said he was pleasantly surprised to find that Myanmar was "fairly advanced" in preparations, and had met most of the conditions; had signed most of the required international agreements, and was in financial shape to participate. Myanmar was advanced in preparing for AFTA, and there seemed to be few problems. Myanmar was better off than Cambodia and Laos because it was a member of the WTO, and hence granted MFN to other ASEAN members. There was no language problem, because of Myanmar familiarity with English. The economy was better off than that of Cambodia or Laos.

In response to a question from U Hla Htwe of Nihon Keizai Shimbun he said it was up to ASEAN members whether to take up the Myanmar application in their November meeting.

In response to a question from Mr. Simon Long of The Economist, he said the decision would be taken in July 1997, and that talks could continue right until then.

In response to a question from Mr. Brookes, he said that Myanmar's application was not being held up by those of Cambodia and Laos; all three were being treated the same.

In response to a question by Mr. S. Moriyama of Fuji TV, he said there were no problems, economic or political.

In response to a question by Shinichi Isobe of NHK, he said that there was no need for Myanmar to have a new constitution before joining ASEAN; this was a purely internal matter.

Asked by Mr. Long about the exchange rate, he said they would be looking at the exchange rate and the inflation rate.

Asked by Mr. Brookes, he said Myanmar did not need financial help, just technical training for its officials. (NLM 11/10)

Thai Commander-in-Chief

Nov. 5: Commander-in-Chief Gen. Chetta Thanajaro of the Royal Thai Army, and delegation, arrived and was given an official welcome. He called on SLORC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye, who had invited him, and who hosted a dinner for him, and on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/6) // Nov. 6: He called on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, prior to returning home. On Nov. 5, he had visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Buddha's Tooth Relic. (NLM 11/7)

US Senator McCain

Nov. 10: United States Senator John McCain and party called on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, who explained "reforms and endeavours for political, economic and social development of Myanmar, efforts for prevention and eradication of narcotic drugs and endeavours made for enabling underground armed groups to return to the legal fold." He also called on on SLORC member Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. The Senator was accompanied by [the new] U.S. Charge d'Affaires Mr. Kent Wiedemann. (NLM 11/11)

Philippine Official

Nov. 18: Adviser to the Philippine President Mr. Jose T. Almonte and party called on SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. (NLM 11/19) // Nov. 19: He called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/20)

Singapore Trade Minister

Nov. 18: Singapore Minister of State for Trade and Industry Mr. Goh Chee Wee and party called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba and on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. (NLM 11/19) // Nov. 19: The Minister departed, after visiting the VMY Trade Fair. (NLM 11/ 20)

Malaysian Deputy Minister

Nov. 23: An 8-member goodwill delegation headed by Chairman of the Malaysian-Myanmar Friendship and Unity Association Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Datuk Haji Mohammed Abdul Aziz called on Secretary-General U Than Aung of the Union Solidarity and Development Association. (NLM 11/24)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Nov. 3: Deputy General Manager U Thein Lwin of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce, left for India to attend the Nov. 4-9 Regional Workshop on Role of Wholesale Markets for Urban Food Distribution. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 4: An education delegation led by Pro-Rector U Sun Ti of the University of Distance Education left for Bangkok to attend a Nov. 4-18 Workshop at Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University. Other

members include a Deputy Director of the Higher Education Department, four officials of the University of Distance Education (Yangon and Dagon University, Mawlamyine and Loikaw branches) and 10 professors. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 20: Six students from the Central Cooperatives College and Yangon and Mandalay Cooperatives Regional Colleges, led by Assistant Lecturer Daw Hla Hla Tint of Mandalay Cooperatives Regional College left for Singapore to attend the Nov. 21-23 Regional Campus Cooperatives Youth Seminar. (NLM 11/21)

Nov. 24: Technical Assistants Daw Moe Moe Soe Min and Daw Thi Tagu Zayya of Myanma Television and Radio Department left for Manila to participate in UNICEF sponsored exchange of knowledge on radio and TV programmes for "promoting health for child and women."

Delegations to Meetings

Nov. 16: A delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel returned from the Nov. 13-15 World Trade Organization Member Least Developed Countries' Ministerial Meeting in Geneva. He was accompanied by Director-General U Maung Maung Yi of the Directorate of Investments and Companies Administration. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 17: A delegation comprising Deputy Director-General U Aung Myint Thein of the Central Statistical Organization and Senior Statistical Officer Dr. Zaw Htoo of the Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Health, left Nov. 15 for New Delhi to attend the Nov. 18-22 Regional Consultation on Health Indicators, SEARO, sponsored by WHO. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 17: Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen. Myint Aung addressed the Nov. 13-17 World Food Summit in Rome [full text in NLM]. He reviewed agricultural progress in Myanmar, pointing out that since the assumption of responsibility by the State Law and Order Restoration Council in 1988, 11 billion kyats had been invested in irrigation, and the irrigation area had grown from 12.6% of total sown area in 1988 to 21% in 1996. Cropping intensity increased from 120% to 143% in the same period. While traditionally, 12 million acres of rainfed paddy were grown, over 3 million acres have now been drawn into summer paddy, and it will reach 4 million acres this year. He noted the growth of private sector, and stressed that "access to adequate food" was the most fundamental human right and the basic food policy of the government. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 24: He returned to Yangon. In Italy he met with the Chairman of Ansaldo Co. in Genoa, and observed irrigation networks, hydel power, Bertuzzi fruit juice and canning factory in Milan." En route home, he stopped in Singapore at the invitation of Minister of National Development and Commerce Mr. Lim Hng Kiang. (NLM 11/25) // Nov. 25: There he held bilateral talks from Nov. 22-24, and discussed the Myanmar Fair to be opened at NTUC Fairprice shops on Nov. 27 "for export of Myanmar agricultural products to Singapore market, supply of machines for production of canned food and fruits...." (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 24: Director Dr. Sein Tin of the Central Statistical Organization left for Bangkok to attend the 10th Statistical Committee Meeting of ESCAP (Asia and Pacific Region Economic and Social Affairs Committee). (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 25: A six-member delegation led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col. Tin Hlaing left for New Delhi, via Bangkok, to attend the 4th State Level Meeting of Civil Authorities of Myanmar and India. Members are Director-General U Aung Thein of the General Administration Department, Defence Ministry Representative Acting Tactical Operation Commander Lt-Col. Ohn Thwin, Director U Maung Aw of the Immigration and Manpower Department, Director-General U Nay Win Oo of the Department of Border Trade, Sagaing Division Commissioner U Htay, and Deputy Director U Aung Than of the Foreign Ministry. (NLM 11/26)

Religious Delegations

Oct. 31: A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Religious

Affairs U Aung Khin Tint left to attend the 60th Anniversary of the Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery and to celebrate the building of the Dhamma Beikmandawgyi in Rajagir, India. (NLM 11/1) // Nov. 11: 65 pilgrims returned from Bodh Gaya. (NLM 11/12) // Nov. 29: The delegation led by U Aung Khin Tint returned. Next pilgrimage trips will be No. 5/96 (Dec. 1); 6/96 (Dec. 8); 7/96 (Dec. 28); and 8/96 (Dec. 29). (NLM 11/30)

Business Delegations

Nov. 13: A delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin left for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to "promote bilateral economic, trade and monetary affairs." The Minister is accompanied by Governor U Kyi Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar. (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 17: The delegation returned. In Malaysia, the Minister called on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dato Seri Anwar Bin Ibrahim on Nov. 15. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 16: Myanma Jute Enterprise exhibited in the Sixth Asia-Pacific Trade Fair in Manila on Nov. 5-11. 29 nations took part. The Myanmar delegation returned Nov. 14. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 28: Director-General U Kyaw Myint of the Trade Department left for Malaysia to attend the Nov. 28-29 3rd Myanmar Business Conference '96. (NLM 11/29)

Cultural Delegations

Nov. 13: A four-member cultural delegation led by Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt left to study cultural activities in Laos. Other members are Director U Tun Zaw and Assistant Director U Aung Win of the Fine Arts Department, Deputy Director U Thein Htut of the Archaeology Department, and Assistant Lecturer (Art) U Hla Min of the University of Culture. (NLM 11/ 14) // Nov. 23: The delegation returned. (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 24: Chairman U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association left for Tokyo to attend the Congress of PEN Club for Asia and Pacific Region beginning Nov. 25. Representatives of 20 countries will discuss "Transformation of Asia and Literature." (NLM 11/25)

Education Minister to Vietnam, Laos

Nov. 4: A nine-member delegation led by Minister for Education U Pan Aung left for Vietnam and Laos to study educational activities for two weeks. Members are Director-General U Myo Nyunt of the Higher Education Department, Rector U Han Tin of the Institute of Education (Yangon), Head of Office U Hla Myint, Prof. U Soe Nyunt of Yangon University Mathematics Department, Deputy Director U Thein Zan of the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department, Deputy Director (Planning) U C Thang Za Tuan of the Basic Education Department, EC Member of the Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association U Nyi Nyi Myint, EC Member of the Pyay District USDA U Zaw Lwin Oo, and the Minister's PSO U Maung Maung Htay. (NLM 11/5) // Nov. 17: The delegation returned. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 19: In Vietnam, the delegation met in Hanoi with Minister of Education Mr. Tran Hong Quan on Nov. 4, and called on Prime Minister Mr. Vo Van Kiet on Nov. 6. On Nov. 8 it visited the National University and Van Lin private college in Ho Chi Minh City. On Nov. 10, the delegation flew to Vientiane, where it met with Laos Minister of Education Mr. Phimmasone Leuang Khimmma, and called on Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Bounngang Vorachith; it visited Lao National University and other educational institutions. On Nov. 14, the delegation flew to Bangkok and visited Sukothai Thammathirat Open University, as well as the Science and Technology Department; it discussed UN projects with Acting Director Mr. Prem Kasaju of the regional UNESCO office and Myanmar planning officer Mr. Sequeira. (NLM 11/20)

ASEAN Heads of Government

Nov. 25: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe will attend

the Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Government and the Heads of Government of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar, scheduled for Jakarta on Nov. 30. (NLM 11/25)

Nov. 28: The Myanmar delegation departed. SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe was accompanied by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen. Maung Thint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen. Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Information Maj-Gen. Aye Kyaw, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, and Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Khin Maung Than.

On arrival in Jakarta, the following statement was issued [full text]:

"At the invitation of His Excellency President Soeharto of Indonesia, His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, arrived in Jakarta on 28 November 1996 to attend the Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Government and the Heads of Government of Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar scheduled to be held in Jakarta on 30 November 1996.

"The participation of His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe at this Informal Meeting reaffirms the sincere desire of the Government and people of Myanmar to integrate themselves into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

"It also demonstrates Myanmar's commitment to the common pledge to live together in peace and harmony in the family of nations in Southeast Asia in which all ten nations commit themselves to work together in the interest of the whole region.

"While in Jakarta, His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe will have the opportunity to renew personal contacts and exchange views with the other Heads of Government of the Southeast Asian countries. He will also be holding separate meetings with some Heads of Government to discuss bilateral, regional and other matters of mutual interest."

En route, Senior General Than Shwe stopped off in Singapore and held discussions with Premier Goh Chok Tong. (NLM 11/29)

Delegations Return

[Return to Yangon of delegations which had left in previous months, or whose departure had not been noticed in NLD]

Nov. 2: The delegation led by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein returned from studying the energy sectors in Thailand, Indonesia, and Singapore. On Oct. 29, the delegation discussed the Yadana and Yadagun Oil and Natural Gas Projects with Thai Minister of Industry Mr. Kosit Panpiemras. The Minister attended a signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Yedagun Gas Sales Agreement, which was signed by Governor Mr. Pala Sookawesh of PTT, Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), Regional Director Mr. P.E. McGuire of Texaco Co. of the United States, Managing Director Mr. A.D. Melzer of Premier Co. of Britain, and Managing Director Mr. Toshitsugu Konishi of Nippon Oil of Japan. On Oct. 31, the Minister visited Batam Island, Indonesia, and met with officials of Total Exploration and Production of France and McDermott Co. of the United States, and inspected the construction of offshore production platforms. They also met with officials of Marubeni Co. of Japan, Genting Senyen Co. of Malaysia, Pertamina Co. of Indonesia, and Singapore Power and Ace Pressureweld Co. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 8: The eight-member delegation led by Minister for Communications, Posts & Telegraphs U Soe Tha returned from the Republic of Korea, where it had studied communications facilities. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 14: Five employees led by Manager Daw Htar Cho of Nawarat Concorde Hotel returned from attending hotel courses at the Concorde Hotels in Singapore and Malaysia. (NLM 11/15)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The State Law and Order Restoration Council has appointed. on probation:

Nov. 20: U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director, Planning and Statistics Department, to be Managing Director, Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. (NLM 11/21)

MILITARY

Surrenders by Armed Group Members

Nov. 1: Between September 25-30, 24 members of the Kayin and ABSDF armed groups returned to the legal fold [names and details], bringing the total for September to 81. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 13: From October 1-19, 30 members of various armed groups (ABSDF and Kayin) returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 20: On Nov. 17, 23 members of the MTA (Khun Sa's group) returned to the legal fold, raising the total to 14,557 since Jan. 5, 1996. More are expected. (NLM 11/ 21)

Nov. 22: Between October 20-30, 34 "remnants" of various armed groups (Kayin) returned to the legal fold [names and details]. (NLM 11/23)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Nov. 6: Myinmo-Letkat Nature Reserve a Great Potential for Future Tourism in Myanmar, by Zaw Gyi (Yat Sauk). [Bright future of the biosphere type nature reserve, established in cooperation with the Moattama Gas Transportation Co.]

Nov. 19: Changing and thriving Kawthoung, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [Review of recent progress: population has grown from 1,520 in 1953 to 62,299. Like

Shenzhen in China it has grown from a fishing village to "a developed district town."]

Nov. 20: Myanma Yadana field producing treasures in abundance, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [Review of oil and gas development.]

Nov. 30: The happiest day, by Dr. Naw Angelene. [Opening of Visit Myanmar Year.]

Visit Myanmar Year 1996

Nov. 1: Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi addressed the work coordination meeting of the Visit Myanmar Year 1996 Trade Fair. "The trade fair comprises booths of the ministries, cooperatives, joint ventures, domestic and foreign companies and private entrepreneurs."

The Visit Myanmar Year Market Festival opened at the Myoma Grounds by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, as Chairman of the Tourism Development Management Committee. The festival will last through December 31, and has showrooms of the state/division cooperative syndicates, ministries, cooperative societies, companies and private entrepreneurs, in addition to the Ten Myanmar Traditional Arts and Crafts Showroom. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 3: SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt inspected preparations for the opening ceremony of Visit Myanmar Year 1996. The Visit Myanmar Year 1996 Trade Fair will be held Nov. 16-25 at the Yangon Trade Center in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 7: Speaking to the Tourist Development Management Committee, its Chairman, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, noted that the Visit Myanmar Year 1996 would begin on Nov. 8. "He said unscrupulous persons and organizations broadcast false, concocted news reports on the politics or the economy with the aims of bringing the economic development of the State to a stop, causing development progress of Myanmar to grind to a halt and creating misleading

impressions on Myanmar in other nations of the world." Unscrupulous persons, "are saying disparagingly that the 1996 VMY programmes will not be successful and tourists will not come to Myanmar." There is a need to "raise the momentum of efforts for the success of the 1996 VMY despite slanderous talks and concoctions made with low intelligence and mean thoughts and action." (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 11: Pa Pa Win was chosen Miss Visit Myanmar Year 1996, and won K 250,000. Second was Hnin Wut Yi Thaug (K 150,000) and third was Thanda Hlaing (K 100,000). Wai Hin Myint Aung won the most beautiful hair award, and Hnin Ya Wai Min the most beautiful smile (K 75,000 each). 15 consolation prizes were presented. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 15: Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and SLORC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye, previewed the Visit Myanmar Year 1996 Trade Fair. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 16: The Trade Fair opened, and was addressed by Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi. There are 161 booths from Myanmar agencies, cooperatives, and entrepreneurs, displaying "minerals, marine products, timber products, ceramicware, rattanware, cosmetics, personal and household goods, leatherware, garments and agricultural products. There are another 132 booths from 14 companies from China, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Korea, France, Hong Kong, Germany, Indonesia, Switzerland, and India. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 17: Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba welcomed foreign visitors arriving for the VMY 1996 Opening Ceremony, to wit: Chairman Mr. Tan Chin Nan of Singapore Tourist Development; Chairman Mr. Kuok Khon Ban of Kuok (Singapore) Ltd., Chairman Mr. Taychoon Hye of Singapore United Tobacco Ltd., Regional Vice-Chairman Mr. [sic] Helen Peterson of the Tourism Association for Asia and the Pacific, Cambodian Minister of Tourism Ms. Ven Sereyvultt, Laos Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr. Chaung Sooboekhan, the Director of the World Tourism Federation, the Chairman of Thai Tourism Authority, and delegations. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 18: Visit Myanmar Year 1996 was inaugurated by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt in a "grand tumultuous ceremony" at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), attended by visitors, foreign visitors (see above), local diplomats, the local tourist industry, etc. Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt spoke to a crowd of 2,100. The Trade Fair and Market Festival continued. [page of photos] (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 21: Giving prizes to cultural groups that participated in the VMY opening ceremonies, SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt noted that those who attended the ceremonies "remarked that [it] topped others in the world in grandeur, discipline and standard," thus reflecting Myanmar's age-old culture.

"According to records, he said, Myanmar culture that originated in Pyu area has flourished magnificently all throughout Bagan, Innwa, Pinya, Konbaung and Yadabon eras up to the State Law and Order Restoration Council era and everyone who has been to this country accepts that the spirit of living together in weal or woe in unity and amity has firmly been established up to this day. However, he said, there are Western nations and those who do not see or know the objective realities and, on the basis of false information, view Myanmar as a country which is undisciplined, not peaceful, not secure and uncultured, exert pressures on other countries not to go on having relations with Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

"Although culture has been firmly maintained in Myanmar that has a culture over 2000 years old, situations characterised by indecencies [sic] unspeakable between parents and children and undesirable ways have developed and cultures have been marred in some Western nations with only about 200 years of culture; they are putting blame and exerting pressure on small nations to cover up for those unsavoury developments, the Secretary-1 explained.

"He said they are rearing puppets in these small nations who will move according to their dictates and stooges under their influence and there are also persons and organizations that want to be slaves again in the nation who are inviting interference of the

big nations...." (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 25: The Trade Fair closed. (NLM 11/26)

Trade Fairs and Exhibitions

[see also under Visit Myanmar Year 1996, above.]

Nov. 11: The first Myanmar Ten Traditional Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Competition of Sagaing Division opened in Sagaing. (NLM 11/12)

Project Inaugurations

Through the month there were continued news stories on the repaving of streets in Yangon, some of them repaved "on self-reliance basis."

Nov. 9: Pantanaw Township, Maubin District [Ayeyawady], inaugurated "round-the-clock" electric service on Nov. 7, in the presence of South West Commander Maj-Gen. Nyunt Tin. The power supply cost K 24.44 million, of which K 7 million was "contributed by the people." (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 29: SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo inaugurated the K 40 million Kanthaya Dam in Gwa Township, Rakhine State. (NLM 11/30)

Business Openings

Nov. 5: Japan Airlines opened its Yangon office at FMI Centre on Bogyoke Aung San Road. A chartered DC-10 with a capacity of 250 will fly from Fukuoka, Japan to Yangon beginning Dec. 7. At a dinner honoring the occasion, speakers included Minister for Transport Lt-Gen. Thein Win and JAL Regional Manager Mr. Yoshita. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 5: Samsung Electronics opened a showroom and service centre at Samsung Plaza, 408/410 Maha Bandoola Street, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo, Managing Director Mr. Huh Soh Kil of Samsung Electronics, and Chairman U Myat Thin Aung of Myanmar Uni-Rise Ltd. (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 10: Sales Manager Mr. James Ho of Future Enterprise Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, accompanied by Managing Director U Sein Myint of Wan Chun Co. Ltd., launched the sale of Mac products (Mac Coffee 3 in 1, Mac Tea 3 in 1, Mac Tea Chocolate 3 in 1, Mac Tea Ice Lemon Tea, and Mac Instant Noodles). (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 10: Firewood Substitute Fuel Factory 4 opened in North Okkalapa. Adjutant-General Lt-Gen. Win Myint "spoke of the main aim for establishment of the factory to cater to the needs of the disabled Tatmadawmen who sacrificed their limbs while shouldering duties to safe-guard independence and sovereignty of the State." SLORC Secretary-2 Lt-Gen. Tin Oo said the factory "is projected to produce finished products and provide the profits to the Tatmadawmen...." (NLM 11/11)

Nov. 14: The Traders Hotel held a "soft opening," inaugurating its first 90 rooms, which was addressed by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, and Chairman Mr. Goh Soo Siah of Kuok (Singapore) Group/ Traders Yangon Co. Ltd. Being built by Syntech Woh-Hup Pte. Ltd. of Singapore, the \$84 million project includes a 496-room hotel, apartments, offices, a reception hall and other facilities. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 15: Team Success International Co. Ltd. was inaugurated, in the presence of Chairman Mr. Ning Chang Hui and General Manager Mr. Xiang Cheng, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung, Yunnan entrepreneur Mr. Lin Jian, and Chairman U Kyaw Myint of Hnin Hnin Khaing Co. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 17: Yangon Music Plaza opened at the City Central Plaza, in the presence of Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, Managing Director Mr. Itoh of Yamaha Corporation of Japan. Children of Music Plaza and Miss Yamaoka of Japan provided musical entertainment. "Audio equipment, lighting equipment and musical instruments of Yamaha" will be sold at special prices through the end of the year. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 18: The Coka Suki Restaurant opened at the Summit Parkview Hotel, attended Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen. Kyaw Ba, Managing Director Mr. Michael Chang of Yangon Coca Suki Restaurant,

and Director Mr. Benny Tay of Coka Suki Concord Restaurant of Singapore. "Kyats are also accepted at the restaurant." (NLM 11/ 19)

Nov. 23: The Malikha double-decker cruise ship inaugurated two-hour cruises along the Yangon River. It operates two cruises a day, at 7 am and 5 pm, on weekends {only}, at a cost of \$6 for foreigners and K 500 for locals; on weekdays there are package tours to Twantay, Kyaiklat, and Maubin. "European and Chinese food, coffee and tea, drinks and snacks will be available on the vessel." (NLM 11/24)

Advertisements

Nov. 4: Quarter-page ad for Malaysian Proton cars; coupon for information on "doing business with Malaysia."

Nov. 4: Half-page ad for Compaq Deskpro computers.

Nov. 5: Half-page ad for the Sedona Hotel.

Nov. 9: Half-page ad for Compaq Armada portable computers.

Nov. 15: Half-page ad for Yangon Music Plaza (Yamaha dealer and music school), "The Biggest Music Superstore in Town."

Nov. 15: Advertisement for Myanmar Survey Research (MSR), with market research, feasibility study, testing and polling, news clipping, TV monitoring, and other services.

Nov. 16: Half-page ad for Sanyo domestic appliances.

Nov. 16: Half-page ad for Compaq Deskpro Computers.

Nov. 16: Full-page ad for Landex (Myanmar) Ltd. chinaware.

Nov. 18: Full-page ad for Myanmar Airways International.

Nov. 18: Full-page ad for Coca Suki Restaurant, Summit Parkview Hotel, operated by Myanmar Suki Thai Co., Ltd. (surrounded by small ads from other tourist oriented companies.)

Nov. 25: Half-page ad for Compaq Presario 4704 computers.

Agreements with Foreign Firms

Nov. 6: A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, represented by Mr. Shigetaka Koyangi and a delegation of 24, and the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, represented by President U Khin Maung Yi. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 14: A Build, Operate and Transfer Contract was signed between Myanmar Million Quest Private Ltd. (Malaysia), represented by President Dato Mohammed Karim and Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. represented by Chairman Maj-Gen. Than Oo, to "run the industry of manufacturing children's wear, casual wear and jean wear, 90 per cent of which will be exported," on land leased from UMEH. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 15: A Contract was signed between the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, represented by Managing Director U Soe Thein, and Myanmar Innwa Co. Ltd., represented by Managing Director Mr. Kiyotaka Koite, a subsidiary of Nikken Rentacom Co. Ltd. of Japan, to lease the Innwa Hotel site in Mandalay for 30 years and build a new "ultra-modern" hotel wholly owned by Nikken Rentacom, which will invest US\$ 25 million and pay a land use premium of US\$ 3 million. The hotel will be turned over to the State after 30 years. 150 rooms are to be opened 2 years after ground breaking, and the remaining 170 18 months later. (NLM 11/16)

Nov. 16: A Contract was signed between Myanma Farms Enterprise, represented by Managing Director Thura U Maung Ko, and Myanmar Chor Paddy Cultivation and Production Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Chairman Mr. Teh Boon Mook, for reclamation of land in deep-water fields and cultivation and production of quality paddy. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 19: An agreement was signed between the Cooperatives Department, represented by Director U Kyaw Thein, and Simar Machinery Co. Ltd. of Sichuan Province, China, represented by Managing Director Mr. Zhaodan to buy 1,000 Sefang "walking tractors," for use by agricultural cooperative societies throughout Myanmar. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 22: A contract was signed between Myanma Railways, represented by Managing Director U Thaung Lwin, and Daewoo Corporation of Korea, represented by Director Mr. Chang Rae Kim, for the purchase of \$1.9 million of signal equipment for the Toekyaunggalay Railway Yard and Mahlwagon-Ywathagyi and Insein-Hlawga

Railway Sections, under Project Phase II being implemented with an OPEC \$10 million loan. (NLM 11/23)

Tourism

Nov. 2: 99 German tourists arrived on the cruise liner ms Bremen, and visited sights in Yangon. (NLM 11/3) // Nov. 3: The tourists departed by air. 66 more tourists arrived by air to join the ship, which will sail on Nov. 4. (NLM 11/4) // Nov. 4: The ship departed. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 6: 197 German tourists arrived by air on Condor Airline, which will operate a direct Frankfort-Yangon-Frankfort flight every Wednesday until April 1997. (NLM 11/7)

Nov. 14: 86 French tourists from Group Boiron arrived by air; they will visit Bagan and Mandalay on Nov. 14-17, and leave for home Nov. 17. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 28: 168 tourists arrived on the ms Song of Flower; they will visit Yangon and Bago on Nov. 29. (NLM 11/29)

Agriculture

Nov. 1: The Zeyawady Sugar Mill of Myanma Sugar Enterprise opened its annual crushing season on Oct. 31. It plans to crush 225,000 tons of sugarcane this season, producing 15,750 metric tons of sugar. (NLM 11/2)

Fisheries

Nov. 5: The Chairman of the Committee for Boosting Meat and Fish Production and Controlling Prices and of the Committee for Boosting Marine Production, Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi, met with ice factory entrepreneurs, and "said ice needed by trawlers are being distributed at the right price and sufficiently as electricity and ammonia have been supplied to the ice factories.... He recalled that price of ice had been coordinated at meetings with the ice factory entrepreneurs. However, he said, the price of ice was not stable and urged them to report the difficulties. Only then could the problem be solved for stabilisation of the price of ice, he said. He asked them to present the factory cost of a block of ice so that suitable price could be negotiated...." (NLM 11/6)

Nov. 19: The Myanmar Fisheries Association Branch (Exports) was formed, with 17 executives and U Hla Myint as Chairman. Chairman of Myanmar Fisheries Association U Tin Maw Thein and Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen. Tun Kyi spoke. (NLM 11/20)

Energy

Nov. 7: "Filling stations here [in Yangon] will sell normal grade fuel, charging FEC 1.4 and K 10.55 per gallon for petrol and FEC 1.2 and K 5.80 per gallon for diesel. Petrol will be sold at filling stations Nos. 0205 and 0231 in Bahan Township, No. 0254 in Botahtaung Township, No. 0260 in Kamayut Township, No. 0261 in Sangyoung Township, and diesel at Nos. 0254 and 0273 in Botahtaung, No. 0261 in Sangyoung, No. 0270 in Insein Township, every day." (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 8: Two ships arrived at Thanlyin Refinery with diesel and crude oil, mv Oilstar and mt Sanwa Maru. "The ministry has been importing fuel and crude oil to fulfil local energy needs." More shipments are expected. (NLM 11/9)

Aviation

Nov. 11: Druk-Air Bhutan Airline inaugurated service, and a dinner attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe and by Bhutan Deputy Minister of Communication Mr. Leik Dorji was held at the Central Floating Hotel. A BAE-146-100 aircraft will fly Paro-Yangon-Bangkok (Monday) and Bangkok-Yangon-Paro (Friday) beginning January 6. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 12: Malaysia Airlines (MAS) began its twice-a-week Kuala Lumpur-Yangon-Kuala Lumpur service, using a 145 seat Boeing B 737-400. On board were Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Sein Lwin, MAS

Board Member Mr. En Yong Ming Sang, MAS Vice Chairman En Rashid Khan, and others. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 22: President Mr. Premchai Karnasuta of Italian Thai Development Public Company Ltd. delivered \$589,700 of heavy equipment (bulldozer, etc.) to the Department of Civil Aviation; he also donated \$5,000 to the Ministry of Transport Dhammayon. (NLM 11/23)

Banking

Nov. 12: Korea First Bank opened a Yangon representative office, in the presence of Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen. Win Tin, bank Chairman Mr. Kwan Shik Sheen, and representative office Head Mr. Jeong Ku Koh. (NLM 11/13)

Lotteries

Nov. 18: Beginning with the drawing of January 3, 1997, lottery tickets will be sold for K 50 instead of K 10. If all tickets are sold, there will be:

32 K 5 million prizes
20 K 2.5 million prizes
18 K 500,000 prizes
36 K 400,000 prizes
851 K 300,000 prizes
127 K 200,000 prizes
207 K 100,000 prizes
184 K 80,000 prizes
368 K 40,000 prizes
2,899 K 20,000 prizes
20,700 K 10,000 prizes

"If a complete set of 38 alphabets with the same number wins, it will enjoy K five million for the winning ticket and K 300,000 for the remaining 37 tickets or K 11.1 million. The total prize will therefore be K 16.1 million." (NLM 11/19)

Rainfall in Yangon

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

	YA	KA	CY
1987	97.01	100.98	95.43
1988	99.17	100.00	107.76
1989	96.22	100.59	102.76
1990	118.35	109.92	122.84
1991	91.81	83.78	96.65
1992	81.34	96.02	95.98
1993	82.64	111.18	95.12
1994	120.16	120.94	117.36
1995	104.84	100.47	98.27
1996 as of			
November 1	111.06	114.41	113.19
November 15	115.67	119.33	118.02
November 30	115.67	119.33	118.03

HEALTH

Myanma Karuna Foundation

Nov. 7: The MKF opened a new clinic in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. Eleven clinics have been opened in Yangon and 200 patients are treated daily. A total of 50 Karuna free clinics are planned for Myanmar, plus mobile clinics for Kachin, Kayah, and Chin States. (NLM 11/8)

Nov. 8: The Myanmar Karuna Foundation announced that 300 students have been initially been selected to receive stipends under the program "to provide financial assistance to the low-income earning personnel's children" in institutions of higher learning. Further applications are invited, "even though the admission date was over." (NLM 11/9)

Cost-paying Ward

Nov. 10: A "cost-paying ward" was opened at Yangon General Hospital, with 20 rooms for 20 patients, including five with air conditioning. The ward, begun Dec. 1, 1995, was built at a cost of K 9.5 million, of which K 5 million was contributed by the State and K 4.5 million "by the people." (NLM 11/11)

Polio Immunization

Nov. 13: It was reported that during the First Year National Immunization Days against polio, immunizations were given simultaneously to 5,327,519 children, or 96%. The Second year follow-up will be on Dec. 15, 1996, and Jan. 18, 1997. This is a three-year programme, undertaken in cooperation with Nepal, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Thailand, in an effort to stamp out polio by 2000. (NLM 11/14)

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Nov. 12: The Seventh Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [How the royal naval expedition of King Thayawady will be re-enacted (on a smaller scale) at the opening of the Festival on Nov. 23.]

Nov. 25: Dragon Boat Racing, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [History of dragon boat racing, in honor of the South East Asian Traditional Regatta.]

Myanmar Teams and Delegations

Nov. 8: Director U Kyaw Soe Myint of the Institute of Sports and Physical Science, Sports and Physical Education Department, left for Mexico to participate in the 10th Association of National Olympic Committees' General Assembly, scheduled for Nov. 14-17 in Cancun; on Nov. 12 there will be a meeting on drugs in sports, and on Nov. 13 a meeting of the Olympic Committee of Asia. Delegates from 197 countries are participating. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 12: A delegation led by President I Khin Maung Lay of the Myanmar Wushu Federation left for the Philippines to participate in the 4th Asia Wushu Competition from Nov. 14-16. Other members are Secretary-General U Tin Maung Soe of the MWF (Secretary), Ms. Haung Pin of China (coach), U Aung Thu Naing and U Khin Maung Nyein (referees), and athletes Maung Khin Soe, Maung Zaw Min Oo, Maung Aung Min Thein, Ko Ko Naing, Thein Htaik Oo, Maung Bo Bo, and Maung Aye. They will compete in two events: San Shou and Form competition. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 18: Myanmar Badminton Federation referee U Tun Thant left for Vietnam to participate in the Nov. 20-24 JVC Vietnam Badminton Championship in Ho Chi Minh City as an international referee of the International Badminton Federation. (NLM 11/19)

Foreign Teams, Coaches, etc.

Oct. 31: The 1996 Myanmar Open and the 9th ASEAN Optimist Championships concluded at the Myanmar Yachting Federation, with presentation of prizes by Patron SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 3: President of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung attended a goodwill volleyball match between the Myanmar national team and the Senshu University Team of Japan, led by Mr. Y. Karaki. Myanmar won 3-0. (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 13: A Japanese Traditional Aikido Exhibition will be held Nov. 17, with athletes from Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. (NLM 11/14) // Nov. 17: The exhibition was held, in the presence of President of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen. Lun Maung. President Mr. Koki Onodera of Yangon International Hotel spoke. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 22: Managing Director Lynne Klapecki of PMS explained to

journalists the 555 Subaru World Rally Team. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 23: Hong Kong and Thai golf teams arrived to participate in the 36th Putra Cup Golf Tournament beginning Nov. 28. (NLM 11/24) // Nov. 24: Six golfers from Indonesia and five from Papua New Guinea arrived for the tournament. (NLM 11/25) // Nov. 25: Teams arrived from Malaysia and Singapore; in the evening, teams are expected from Brunei and the Philippines. (NLM 11/26) // Nov. 26: All the teams -- from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and Papua New Guinea, have arrived, the tournament will begin Nov. 27. (NLM 11/27) // Nov. 28: At the end of the first day, scores were: Philippines (249); Malaysia (252); Myanmar (254); Thailand (254); Indonesia (259); Papua New Guinea (260); Singapore (263); Brunei (266); and Hong Kong (268). It was agreed that next year's Putra Cup will be in Papua New Guinea. (NLM 11/29) // Nov. 29: After the second day, standings were: Philippines (485); Indonesia (490); Myanmar (496); Malaysia (505); Thailand (506); Papua New Guinea (518); Singapore (519); Brunei (522); and Hong Kong (529). (NLM 11/30)

Nov. 25: Teams from Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia arrived for the International Traditional Boat Race; the Brunei team is expected in the evening. (NLM 11/26) // Nov. 26: The Race began, with teams from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines as well as from Myanmar. (NLM 11/27) // Nov. 27: The Race concluded finals, and with a prize giving ceremony presided over by Patron SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. International winners were:

Men's 22-oar: (1) Myanmar; (2) Singapore; (3) Thailand; (4) Malaysia

Men's 12-oar: (1) Myanmar; (2) Thailand; (3) Singapore; (4) Philippines

Women's 22-oar: (1) Myanmar; (2) Singapore

Women's 12-oar: (1) Myanmar; (3) Thailand; (3) Singapore.

Prizes were also awarded in local events between hotels and companies; government offices; etc. (NLM 11/28)

Regatta Festival

Nov. 8: The Visit Myanmar Year Seventh Myanmar Cultural Regatta Festival will be held at Kandawgyi on Nov. 26-27, attended by representatives from members of the South-East Asia Rowing Federation (Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Brunei). (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 16: The heats of the Regatta began, at Kandawgyi. (NLM 11/17) // Nov. 17: Heats continued. (NLM 11/18) // Nov. 20: The Regatta Festival was inaugurated by SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, with "regal pageantry re-enacting King Thayawady's naval expedition from Amarapura to Dagon in Konbaung Period." Officials, foreign visitors, diplomats, etc. attended. SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt spoke [full text in NLM], recounting the prowess of Myanmar pre-colonial naval exploits. The SLORC Chairman's Bowl competition began. [page of photos] (NLM 11/21) // Nov. 21: The semi-finals were attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (NLM 11/22) // Nov. 23: The finals were held. SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe attended the closing of the Festival, and distributed prizes. (NLM 11/24)

CULTURAL

Cultural and Scientific Articles

Nov. 1: Deft hands with creative mind, by Pe Than. [Myanmar love of flowers reflected in Myanmar art.]

Nov. 24: Let us pay deepest homage at the great grand auspicious ceremony for final enshrinement and hoisting of the sacred umbrella of Buddha's Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda of Yangon, by Ba Sein (Religious Affairs). [Scheduled for Nov. 24.]

Nov. 8-10: Royal expedition to Dagon made by King Thayawady in the interest of the development of Myanmar Naing Ngan, by Oggamin Maung Maung Khin (Thayawady). [(1) Reenaction at the 1996 Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival. Account of King Thayawady. (2)

Expedition leaves for Dagon on 7th waning day of Tawthalin 1203 BE; on the 3rd day of the trip it reaches Bagan. (3) Donations to the Shwedagon by the royal party. The Maha Thigadda Ganda Bell.]

Nov. 25: Tazaungmon or the month of lights, by Lay Myint (YU). [History of the kathina (robe donation) ceremony.]

Religion

There were regular reports of donations and volunteering of labour for the Tooth Relic Pagodas under construction in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as for renovation of the Shwedagon and other major pagodas.

Reports continued of donations for Bagan Pagoda Restoration, with continued daily publication of the official Advertisement requesting donations under the "adopt a Bagan Pagoda" program.

Oct. 31: K 2 million from the Thadinkyut Fun Fair at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel was donated for "preservation and restoration of ancient Bagan pagodas." (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 2: A new Chin Baptist Church was consecrated on Bagaya Road in Sangyoung Township, Yangon, in the presence of SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt and other officials. Chairman of the Myanmar Christian Council of Churches Saya Thang Tin Sum, the Rev. Dr. Robert Thawng Hlei, Rev. Biak Ceu, Rev. Saw Tun Nay, Rev. Dr. Simon Pau Khan En, Rev. Saw Mar Gay Gyi, U Thaung Ko Lyan, and U Kam Lian Buai. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 3: A pre-Dipavali ceremony, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen. Myo Nyunt, was sponsored by the All-Myanmar Hindu Central Board. Participation included Chairman Dr. D.B. Limbu, and the Dipavali message was read by Board Secretary U Aung Soe (in Myanmar), Board Vice-Chairman Shri Aru Solamalai (in Tamil), Board Vice-Chairman Shri Shiv Prasad Satosh (in Hindi), and EC member Shri T. Jaganathan (in Telagu). (NLM 11/4)

Nov. 4: The Leading Committee for Construction of Maha Thanti Thukha Religious Building met, attended by Chairman Minister for Construction Maj-Gen. Saw Tun and others. The building will cost K 200 million, plus K 300 million for "finishing touches including lifts," and will be used "for training those discharging missionary duties abroad." (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 17: SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe inspected the completed seinphudaw (sacred diamond bud), hngetmyatnadaw (sacred vane) and golden casket for the Tooth Relic Pagodas of Yangon and Mandalay. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 17: On Nov. 16 the htidaw (sacred umbrella), seinphudaw, and hngetmyatnadaw were hoisted on Bagan Pagoda No. 1775, renovated at a cost of K 300,000 donated by the personnel of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Rehabilitation. At the same time Pagoda No. 1765, renovated with cash donated by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen. Soe Myint, was consecrated. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 19: The htidaw was hoisted Nov. 17 on the Lawka Hmankin Pagoda in Bagan, after renovation by "supreme court justices," in the presence of Chief Justice U Aung Toe and others. The Chief Justice had renovated four other Bagan pagodas, which were consecrated on Nov. 16. The Lawka Nadha Pagoda (No. 1917) was renovated by the law office personnel; a ceremony on Nov. 17 was headed by Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 22: The upper enshrinement ceremony of the Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) was held, with SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe conveying the sacred relics; SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt then place the relics in the upper reliquary. [page of photos] (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 24: Senior General and Madame Than Shwe led the rites for the hoisting of the shwe htidaw (golden umbrella) atop the Sacred Tooth Pagoda (Yangon). [page of photos] (NLM 11/25) // Nov. 25: He participated in further rites. (NLM 11/26)

Nov. 25: SLORC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San participated in shwe htidaw hoisting rites at the Cula Muni Lawka Chantha Pagoda in Taunggyi. (NLM 11/25)

Publications

Nov. 4: A booklet entitled Myanmar Tabi No Tomo in Japanese ("Myanmar Travelling Companion") has been published by AJC Ltd. by arrangement with the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, with facts and advertisements for Japanese tourists.

Nov. 4: A trilingual Myanmar Tourism and Business Review (English, Chinese, and Thai) was published by the Sea International Travels & Tours Co. Ltd., with information on Myanmar. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 4: Shortly to be published is a book of quotations and lectures (in Myanmar) from eminent (early Myanmar) movie directors and actors, including actor U Nyi Pu, directors and actors A-1 U Tin Maung, U Chin Sein, Shwe Don B Aung, and U Thukha, which will be distributed by Sarpay Lawka Bookstore, 33rd Street, Yangon. (NLM 11/5)

Nov. 8: Vol. 3, No. 4 of Golden Myanmar, a quarterly English-language magazine on business and tourism, has been issued. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 12: Myo Myanmar (Myanmar Nation), a socio-economic journal arranged by Myanmar May Flower Trading, appeared. It is distributed free to "advertisers, tour operators," May Flower bank patrons, and "Myanmar diplomatic missions abroad," as well as being available in bookstores. It features "air transport, international banking, travelogue and articles in both Myanmar and English." (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 18: Welcome to Myanmar Handbook (October 96), published quarterly by the Information Sub-committee of the Tourism Development Management Committee has come out. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: A 61-page booklet in English on the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Cultural Regatta Festival has been published, and may be bought by tourists for \$5.00. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 18: A Map of Yangon, "your best guide in town," with directory and Bi-lingual (English & Myanmar) street lists and index has been published by the The Map of Yangon Organizing Group, 169, Anawrahta Rd., Yangon, of the Yangon City Development Committee. (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: Sagaing Gonyi Magazine was published by old students of the Sagaing Hall committee; the 364-page magazine has articles and old photographs, and costs K 200. (NLM 11/20)

Computers

Nov. 15: Chairman of the Myanmar Computer Science Development Council SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed Meeting No. 1/96 of the Myanmar Computer Science Development Council to "clarify the Myanmar Computer Science Development Law."

"Promulgation of the Computer Science Development Law is aimed at contributing towards the emergence of a modern developed nation through computer science, he said, noting that it is obvious from studying its objectives to what extent the law will be beneficial to the nation....

"He explained that although computer science had been in the country for quite a long time now, dissemination of computer science had not been undertaken due to various reasons. He pointed out that computer science has developed significantly in Myanmar due to high aptitude and dynamic efficiency of Myanmar although work for its dissemination was undertaken only three years ago.

"The Computer Science Development Law was promulgated on 20 September 1996 and it is needed to draft rules and procedures for its effectiveness and so officials concerned are to proceed with the work for speedy realization of aims, he said....

"Now, he said, teaching computer science has begun from the Basic Education Middle and High Schools to enable Myanmar technicians to come up to international standards.

"For the fact that computer science has been extensively used

in the world, one needs to be familiar with computer applications and in relation with it, he or she will be able not only to study other fields but also to easily lay down 'manpower planning.'

"He said that computer enthusiasts, scientists and entrepreneurs have known of the usefulness and effectiveness of the computers and Myanmars, if they have adequate materials, have the quality to compete on equal footing with any nation as they are not low in intelligence.

"He further explained that computer science has been developing at a rapid pace and it may benefit or adversely affect the user depending on his or her aims in utilizing the computers. Hence, he said, The Computer Science Development Law has been promulgated to create opportunities to be able to undertake work for the welfare of the nation.

"He cited objectives of the law:

-- to contribute towards the emergence of a modern developed State through computer science;

-- to lay down and implement measures necessary for the development and dissemination of computer science and technology;

-- to create opportunities for the youth, especially students, to study computer science;

-- to study computer science, which is developing internationally, and to utilize the same in a manner which is most beneficial to the State;

-- to cause extensively development in the use of computer science in the respective fields of work; and,

-- to supervise the import and export of computer software or information.

"He noted that the State is providing support and assistance to the intellectuals and technicians to enable them to pursue international-level computer science studies.

"He exhorted the computer enthusiasts, scientists and entrepreneurs to cooperate and discuss work for realization of the objectives of the law and formation of the Myanmar Computer Federation and computer associations at various levels...."

In the discussion which followed, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt "said Myanmar Computer Science Development Council would be responsible for policy and duties and rights will be granted to computer enthusiasts, scientists and entrepreneurs who will be included in the Myanmar Computer Federation.

"The Secretary-1 called for cooperation of all concerned for emergence of the Myanmar Computer Federation and drafting of rules and procedures as soon as possible. (NLM 11/15)

Universities

Nov. 1: Members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council donated a total of K 9.5 million towards the funds of the Universities Sports and Physical Education Central Committee and the New Generation Students' Committees of the Universities' Halls. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 2: The Institute of Nursing held its 2nd Convocation, with Rector Dr. Win May giving B.Sc.(Nursing) degrees to 61 graduates, plus another five in absentia. A dinner in the evening was attended by SLORC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen. Khin Nyunt and wife Dr. Khin Win Shwe. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 8: Yangon University held its 87th Convocation, with Rector Dr. Tin Aung Aye conferring degrees on 1,781 graduates. (NLM 11/9) // Nov. 9: On the second day, Rector Dr. Tin Aung Aye conferred degrees: master in arts (16); master in science (88); bachelor in arts (honours) (99); bachelor in science (honours) (126); bachelor in arts and science (1,878). (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 11: Mandalay University held its 34th Convocation, with Rector Dr. Thein Myint conferring degrees: M.Phil (4); science (honours) (65); arts (honours) 255); science (142); plus 31 in absentia. In the evening he conferred MA (29); science (honours) (72); arts (336); and science (27); plus 53 in absentia. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 17: The Institute of Computer Science and Technology held its 3rd Convocation, with Rector Dr. Kyaw Thein conferring degrees: M.Sc. (Computer Science) (27); B.Sc. (Computer Science) (25); B.Sc. (Computer Technology) (22); Computer Science Diplomas (69). (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 23: The University of Distance Education held its 5th Convocation, with Rector U Mehn Than Thaung conferring bachelor's degrees in arts (history major) on 1,248 graduates and in science (physics major) on 323. (NLM 11/24)

Literary Prizes

Nov. 16: Winners of the Seventh National Mottos Literary and Photo Contest were announced:

Treatise: (1) Myanma-hman-tar-wun-kyay-sa-dan by Maung Kyi Thant; (2) Myanma-zarti-man-ahtain-ahmat-myar by Nyunt Han (Kyudaw); (3) Nam-keinna-yi-zat-lun by Kyi Khin (Electrical).

Short Stories: (1) Thway by Maung Khit Wai; (2) Thu-ye-hu-ka-athet-go-chit-phwe-ma-shi by May Zun Aye (Education); (3) Moe-lone-cheint-the-doh-aung-bwe by Kaytu Maung Nyo Lin. Consolation prizes to: Min Beda (Pwintbyu) and Cahn Mya Aung.

Articles: (1) Se-hnit-pwint-pan-u-yin-nam by Gon Lin Kyaw; (2) Tha-khin-myo-hay-do-Bamar by Yawnaka Po Htaung; (3) Maw-gun-win-myi-ya-nay-amyo-thar-yaya-tar-wun-myar by Natha Thin Aung. Consolation prizes to: Lwan Naing U (Zeyawady) and Khin Khin Kyaw.

Poems: (1) Myan-mar-pyi-baw-ga-la-pyay-wun by Maung Thein Lwin; (2) Chit-tha-mee-tho by Zaw Min Min U; (3) Thar-do-ta-khit-nan-bat-tit by Maung Pyay Hline (Thandwe). Consolation prizes to: Tekkatho San and Min Kyawt Shein.

Prizes will be awarded Dec. 11. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 27: Winners of the 1995 National Literary Awards are:

Novel: Khin Hnin Yu for Mya Kya Phyu.

Short story collection: Pe Myint for Luthonkon Yaung Thu Mya Hnint Achar Wuthtutomya.

Collected poems: Tekkatho Myat Thu for Shwe Hsaung Than Kabya Mya.

Belles-lettres: Aung Soe (Veterinarian) for Myanma Hsin.

Myanma culture and arts: Hne U Mya Gyi for Myanma Hne.

Youth literature: Yawnaka Pho Htaung for Pan Hsu Wai Lu Nge Wuhtuto Mya.

Translation: Kyaw Aung for Oh Jerusalem.

Translation: Mya Than Tint for Achit Moe Kaung Gin.

General Knowledge (arts): Tun Aung Kyaw for Myanmar Naing-Ngan Myay Hkun Thamaing.

General Knowledge (science): Kyaw Thet Khaing (Institute of Medicine) for Let Tway Athon Cha Argaza Hsay Pyinnya.

General Knowledge (applied science): Dr. Myint Than for Thet Shi Toh Go Phan Hsin Thu Biza.

No awards were made in Drama; Children's literature; or Politics. Prizes will be presented Dec. 11. (NLM 11/28)

Nov. 28: Winners of the 1995 Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award were announced:

Novel: (1) Pathein Yan Naung Soe for Tein Sin The Nway Hseeza; (2) Kaung Myat Thu-Okkala for Tit Nay Wun Lyin.

Collected short stories: (1) Nanda Soe (Hsinbyukyun) for Lubon Khanwa Pyawsaya Hnint Acha Wuhtutomya; (2) Ko Nay (Kawlin) for Bawa Myitpyin Kyai Hma Ahsone Ahsun Hlay Thanban Mya.

Drama: no prizes awarded.

Belles-lettres: (1) Shwebo Mi Mi Gyi for Maha Luyechun Shwe Pyi Wungyi U Pho Hlaing; (2) Aung Lwin Oo (Yenangyoung) for Thonhsetchawk Yet Khayee Gyan; (3) Maung Kyaw Shin for Myo Myint Swe.

Translation: (1) Dr. Ye Htut for Ahpyu Thabaw Sinza Tway Khaw Hma.

Children's literature: (1) Maung Thin (Thabyay) for Khalay Mya Ahtwet Thittaw Thitpin Patwinkyin; (2) Pathein Aung Than Oo for Tama Yaloh Tabe Hlu Hnint Acha Wuhtutomya; (3) Maung Myo Hsint (Myanmarsar) for Shin Htoo Ya Hma Shet Tha La.

Youth's literature: (1) Aung Soe (Veterinary Science) for Hmway Natha; (2) Tekkatho Nang Phyu Phyu Tun for Shwe Naing-Ngan, Shwe Myaygyi, Shwe Thee Te Pyay.

Myanma culture and arts: (1) Hmat Kyauk for Myanma Ywe Pyinnya; (2) U Myat Kyaw (Myanmarsar) for Buddha Kyanzar Myit Phya Khan Thaw Athon Cha Myanmarsar Myanma Yinkyay Hmu Ahmway Ahnint; (3) Htan Hlaing for Nyan.

Political literature: (1) Panglong Hkun for Shan Pyi Ne Taing Yin Tha Mya Ei Nechei Hsant Kyi Yay Hnint Phet Hsit Taw Lun Yay Hmat Tan.

General knowledge (arts): (1) Gon Lin Kyaw for Khit Ahset Ahset Myanma Tatmadaw Tha Mya Ei Wut Sa Hsinyin Hmu; (2) Maung Kyaw Shin for Kadu; (3) Ko Ko (Thutaythana) for Payazon Phoo Me.

General knowledge (science and applied science): (1) Maung Kyi Thant for Thu Doh Nay Gyin Nay Ba Zay; (2) Maung Khaing Khant for Zaba Theenan Phyet Pohmwa Yawga Hnint Paunbin Mya Kakwe Hnain Nin Yay; (3) Maw Oo (Lewe) for Khit Thit Hsay Lawka Ei Hmat Taing Mya.

Collected poems: (1) Nway Ko Tu (Pakokku) for Moe Kyo Tay Hnint Kyaw Thada; (2) Maung Sein Naung (Lewe) for Maha Myanmar Kabya Baung Chok; (3) Min Ye Kyaw for Kyai Pwint Kaunggin Pan Uyin Hnint Acha Gabya Mya.

Prizes will presented on December 11. (NLM 11/29)

Women's Affairs

Nov. 23: The All-Myanmar Women's Affairs Work Committee held its first meeting, under Chairman Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen. Maung Kyi, with Chairperson Dr. Khin Win Shwe of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Ministry of Health Adviser Dr. May May Yee, and Rector of the Institute of Learning Dr. Win May. Assistant Director Dr. Myint Myint then "explained women's affairs, the facts which should be based to lay down policy, objective and future task of the All-Myanmar Women's Affairs Committee and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action adopted by the fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1996." (NLM 11/24)

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday and Holiday Supplements

Sunday Supplement for November 24 not received.

Nov. 3,10,17: For several years, each weekly Sunday Supplement has listed "Our Three Main National Causes," two lists of "Special Projects," and "Slogans" for the National Convention [for texts see issue of January 1996]. It has now added the "People's Desire" slogans contained in each daily issue. Like the regular paper, it also usually includes the list of 12 National Objectives, and a notice (in English) about the Adopt a Bagan Pagoda project.

Nov. 17: Seven objectives of the Third National Sports Festival (January 1997):

- * To work as a national campaign for the realizing of the motto, "Myanmar Sports -- the World to Conquer";
- * To bear in mind promotion of sports amounts to the defence of the country;
- * To enliven patriotism and national pride in conjunction with sports activities;
- * To nurture a new generation of world class athletes;
- * To organize the public to join in and encourage the promotion of Myanmar sports;
- * To call for the active participation of responsible personnel at all levels to train outstanding athletes employing modern techniques; and
- * To vitalize Union Spirit by creating a chance for up-and-coming athletes all over the country to get together and nurture friendship among them.

Nov. 17: Five objectives of the First Exhibition and Competition on Ten Myanmar Traditional Arts (Hsinbyukan Grounds, Dec.

20-30, 1996)

- * Development and promotion of Myanmar traditional art,
- * Perpetuation of ten traditional arts,
- * Implementation of one of the social objectives -- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character by artistes and artisans,
- * Publicity in the international aspect and promotion of life of artistes and artisans, and
- * Handing down of heritage to new generation.

Nov. 17: Six objectives of the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Regatta Festival (Nov. 20, 1996):

- * Reviving and further pursuing Myanmar traditional rowing sports;
- * Directing all efforts, as a national duty, at nurturing Union spirit, and preserving national culture heritage;
- * Displaying the solidarity of Myanmar;
- * Keeping up the physical and moral strength needed for tenacity, industry and perseverance;
- * Developing the practice of collective endeavour, selflessness and team spirit that reflect national spirit; and
- * Nurturing and bringing forth rowing sportsmen of international calibre in accordance with the lofty aim "Myanmar Sports -- the World to Conquer".

Nov. 3,10,17: Victories of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, by Tekkatho Tin Kha. [Cont. (15) Educational progress. Before colonization, thanks to monastic schools, 85% of the rural population were literate; this fell to 35% under the colonialists. Educational statistics since 1988. Student sports festivals held since 1990. (16) Restorations and repairs of palaces and pagodas. (17) Health projects.]

Nov. 3: Nawaday Housing Estate Project, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [214 acre project in Yangon, with an investment of K 4 billion. Economic class apartments will be divided into four classes: Golden Rose (3 bedroom duplex with 1,444 square feet), Royal Rose (1,375 feet); Princess Rose (3 bedrooms, 1,414 feet); Oriental Rose (3 bedrooms, 1,304 feet). All plans also include a dining room, a living room, a shrine room, and a kitchen. They will cost K 450,000. Medium class apartments will have 2,000 square feet, with 4 bedrooms and a garage, and will cost K 650,000. Luxury apartments will have 2,500 square feet, include 4 bedrooms, and cost K 850,000. The 1001 housing units in the project will be completed by 2000; buyers will pay 20% on signing; then 30%; then another 30% when the roof is finished; and the final 20% when the keys are handed over. Sales will begin in October-November. The Myanmar May Flower Bank will finance 10-year loans.]

-- Ayeyawady Division's paddy, salt and prawn production, by Thaug Nyunt. [Visit to Pyapon District.]

-- Myanmar Open Optimist Yachting Championship '96, by Aung Htun Thein. [Account of the meets.]

Nov. 10,17: Traditional arts and crafts showrooms and entertainments at Visit Myanmar Year Market Festival, by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung. [A visit.]

Nov. 10: Chindwin River Bridge & Monyin Thanbuddhay Pagoda, by Tin Aung. [Senior General Than Shwe's visit of Sept. 7.]

-- Anti-drug abuse exhibition at Ayeyawady Delta, by Mawgyun Myint Aung. [June 26 exhibit prepared by schoolchildren in Mawlamyinegyun.]

Nov. 17: Lashio development works carried out on self-reliance, by Maung Nyein Aye. [Progress in Lashio.]

-- Thihoshin Pagoda and Mon Creek & Mann Creek Reservoirs, by Tin Aung. [Visit to sites near Pakokku.]

Crime

Oct. 31: A woman pickpocket who stole K 4,100 from a handbag on Oct. 26 was sentenced Oct. 28 to three years in prison by the Pabedan Township Court. A bicycle-thief who stole a bicycle on Oct. 23 was

sentenced Oct. 29 to three years in prison by the Pabedan Township Court. Two men who stole a car dynamo on Oct. 15 were sentenced Oct. 30 to three years in prison by the North Okkalapa Township Court. (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 1: The Insein Township Court on Oct. 29 sentenced four men to 9 years prison each for abducting a girl on Oct. 1 and robbing her jewellery; a fifth man got 3 years. The Botahtaung Township Court on Oct. 30 sentenced a man to 7 years rigorous prison for snatching a gold chain on Oct. 28. (NLM 11/3)

Nov. 6: The Kyimyindine Township Court on Oct. 31 sentenced a man to three years in prison with labour for possession of "a sabre of about ten inches." The Insein Township Court on Oct. 29 sentenced five young men to nine years in prison for stabbing and robbing a man in Insein on Sept. 30. The Thanlyin Township Court on Oct. 31 sentenced a man to seven years in prison with labour for knifing a woman and snatching a gold chain on Oct. 15. (NLM 11/ 7)

Nov. 7: The Indaw Township Court on Oct. 11 sentenced a man to three years in prison for throwing stones at the Myitkyina-Mandalay train on Aug. 28. The Pabedan Township Court on Nov. 6 sentenced a man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for stealing a wristwatch on Nov. 5. The North Okkalapa Township Court on Nov. 4 sentenced four persons to seven years for snatching a gold chain on June 1996. The Mingala Taungnyunt Township Court on Nov. 2 sentenced a man to seven years for snatching a gold chain on Nov. 1. (NLM 11/ 8)

Nov. 8: The Thingangyun Township Court on Nov. 6 sentenced a man to seven years prison for stealing a cassette recorder and watch. The Thanlyin Township Court on Nov. 1 sentenced a bus driver and conductor to three years prison for assaulting a youth with an iron rod on Oct. 30. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 9: The Kyimyindine Township Court on Nov. 6 sentenced a man to three years for wielding a knife on Nov. 4. (NLM 11/10)

Nov. 12: The Thinyangyun Township Court on Nov. 8 sentenced a man to three years rigorous imprisonment for stealing a purse. The Botahtaung Township Court on Nov. 8 sentenced a man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for snatching a gold chain on Nov. 7. The Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township Court on Nov. 7 sentenced a man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for stealing household items (a clock, an iron, a tiffin carrier, an aluminium pot) from a house on Nov. 5. (NLM 11/13)

Nov. 13: The South Okkalapa Township Court on Nov. 12 sentenced a man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for snatching a gold chain on Nov. 10. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 14: The South Okkalapa Township Court On Nov. 11 sentenced two men to seven years each for snatching a gold chain on Nov. 6. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 17: The Kyauktan Township Court on Nov. 13 sentenced a man to seven years for stealing 228 feet of wire from a lamppost on Nov. 10. (NLM 11/18)

Nov. 19: The South Okkalapa Township Court on Nov. 13 sentenced two pickpockets to three years for taking money on Nov. 11. Two car thieves were caught Nov. 17 in South Okkalapa Township. (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 20: The Thingangyun Township Court on Nov. 15 sentenced a man to seven years for stealing a gold-chain from a child on Sept. 30. The Kyauktan Township Court on Nov. 15 sentenced a man to three years rigorous imprisonment for stealing five iron rods on Nov. 13. (NLM 11/21)

Anti-Narcotics Activities

Nov. 1: 0.010 kilo of heroin was seized Oct. 17 in Tarmway and Thakayta Townships. (NLM 11/2)

Nov. 7: Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 15, eleven heroin refineries were destroyed. Nine were in Northern Shan State: on Aug. 1, 7, 11 and 12 in Kutkai Township; on Aug. 3 and 30 (2) in Hsenwi Township; on Oct. 10 and 15 in Mongko Township. Seized were huts, 24 people, weapons, two Chinese jeeps, 147.6 kilos of heroin, 4 kilos of liquid heroin, 70 gallons of liquid opium, 2,302 gallons of acetic

anhydride, etc. Two were in Eastern Shan State: on Sept. 26 and 29 in Tachilek Township. Huts and various chemicals were seized. [map] (NLM 11/ 8)

Nov. 13: A number of bottles of [drug refining] chemicals were seized Oct. 31 in Lashio. (NLM 11/14)

Nov. 14: 12.8 kilos of opium were seized Nov. 3 in Nawngkhio. (NLM 11/15)

Nov. 16: 65.8 kilos of heroin were seized Nov. 13 in Lashio. 38 kilos of heroin, chemicals, money, and weapons were seized in Muse on Nov. 14. 3.2 kilos of heroin were seized Nov. 11 in Mandalay. (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 18: 240 packets of methamphetamine tablets (total of 480,000, worth K 48 million) were seized Nov. 4 in Tachilek. "Investigations are under way to catch the culprits." (NLM 11/19)

Nov. 19: Pharmaceutical narcotics including 17.8 litres of Phensedyl, 96.6 litres of Comethazine, 6.5 litres of Codeine mixture, 31,200 Codeine Phosphate tablets, 38,805 Ephedrine tablets, 2,300 Promethazine tablets, and K 167,000 were seized Oct. 29 in Latha and Pabedan Townships, "downtown Yangon." (NLM 11/20)

Nov. 21: Authorities on Nov. 9 presented 588 bags of rice to five villages in the Hsilu area of Special Region 4, Mongyang Township, Shan State (East) "under its programme for eradication of narcotics drugs in line with the endeavours for combating drug menace as a national duty." On Aug. 22, 140 bags of rice had been given these five villages. (NLM 11/22)

Nov. 22: 4,802,000 methamphetamine tablets, worth K 480 million, plus a car and seven horses and mules, were seized Nov. 15 in Kengtung Township. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 29: 6.7 kilos of raw opium were seized Oct. 20 in Mandalay. 0.1 kilo of heroin was seized Oct. 14 in Mandalay. (NLM 11/30)

Obituaries

[English language obituaries; there are obituaries in Burmese as well, some of which we have sought to transliterate.]

no date: Mr. E. Barelli (a) U San Hla, aged 79, Pyin Oo Lwin. [Christian] [Acknowledgement] (NLM 11/6)

Oct. 23: H.L. Tg Langh Lam Suan died in Tamu, aged 29. [Christian] (NLM 11/5)

Oct. 30: Mrs. Mangalan Mary, wife of Mr. Lucas (Arts), died in Yangon, aged 65. [Christian] (NLM 11/1)

Nov. 8: Col. Maung Cho (Retd), BC/6541, retired Minister of Industry (2), husband of Dr. Daw Khin Ma Ma, died in Yangon, aged 66. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 8: U Aung Khin (Taungup), husband of Daw Kyi (a) Kyi Lay, Chairman, Yoma Bank; Deputy Chairman, FMI Co. Ltd.; MD Pentagon Enterprise Ltd.; Retired manager, MFTB, died in Yangon, aged 68. (NLM 11/9)

Nov. 15: Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tikkhacara, Presiding Sayadaw of Mula Mingun Zaytawun Kammahtantaik, Thaton, Mon State, died at the Kammahtantaik, vassa 53, aged 76. [news article] (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 16: Sister Cyril (Mary Ma Mya Than), Religious of the Good Shepherd, died in Yangon, aged 61. [Christian] (NLM 11/17)

Nov. 16: Daw Nu Nu, wife of the late U Pe Win, died in Yangon, aged 77. (NLM 11/ 17)

Nov. 21: U Ai Tu (Namtu), Ex-BOC Agent, Manager, Yangon Safe Deposit, husband of Daw Htwe May, died in Yangon, aged 73. (NLM 11/23)

Nov. 22: Mr. Albert Minus (Bonny) (a) U Tin Thein (Old Lasallian), Retired Liaison Officer, Commercial Section, French Embassy, husband of Helen Daw Thein Yee, died in Yangon, aged 66. [Christian] (NLM 11/24)

Nov. 24: Saya Chai, Election Committee member, died in Yangon, aged 84. An early nationalist, he was a founder of the All-Burma Muslim Congress and its General Secretary from 1948-58. He was a

member of Parliament from 1956, and later an active member of the Burma Socialist Programme Party and member of the Pyithu Hluttaw. He wrote short stories and other works, and translated from the Chinese. In 1988 he joined the Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission, on which he served until his death. [Burmese text obituary; English article; in recent years, Saya Chai was the SLORC government's most prominent non-Buddhist representative, frequently representing it in meetings with Muslims, Christians, and others. -- HCMacD.]. [Muslim] (NLM 11/25)

Fires

Nov. 2: During September 1996, there were 34 fires in Myanmar, destroying property worth K 5.59 million, destroying 498 houses and one factory, killing two people and making 36 homeless. Of these, 29, or 85%, were due to negligence. (NLM 11/3)

Earthquakes

Nov. 11: An earthquake of slight intensity (Richter 4.8) was recorded at 15:54:22 local time with epicentre 213 miles N of Yangon. (NLM 11/12)

Nov. 19: An earthquake of strong intensity (6.6 Richter) was recorded at 17:21:21 local time with epicentre 1789 miles NW of Yangon. (NLM 11/21)

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