(1) Deputy Prime Minister receives Director of Yangtzekiang Industries (Myanmar) Ltd

YANGON, 8 May - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Director of Yangtzekiang Industries (Myanmar) Ltd Mr Rodney Stewart Curson at his office this morning.

They discussed implementations of Yangtzekiang Industries (Myanmar) Ltd in Myanmar according to the Foreign Investment Law and extension of investment in Myanmar.

Present also were Officials of MIC.

(2) Minister meets farmers in three divisions

YANGON, 8 May - Plans have been laid down to boost paddy production to feed the increasing population and to export the surplus amount exceeding local consumption limit, stated Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung. He was speaking to over 6,000 farmers of Toungoo District at Wedaunt village, Ottwin Township, yesterday.

During the meeting, he explained to farmers that the agriculture plan could not be implement as planned due to lack of consideration on weather and other natural conditions and failure to supply adequate amount of water.

The minister then discussed plans and means to boost paddy production in 1997-98 and attended to farmers’ needs.

Accompanied by officials, he toured Magway, Mandalay and Bago Divisions from 29 April to 7 May, inspecting irrigation facilities and coordinating with farmers on mechanized farming and utilization of modern methods.
He also met farmers and looked into their requirements.

(3) Thai Transport and Communications Minister arrives

YANGON, 8 May—Minister of Transport and Communications of Thailand Mr Suwat Liptapanlop, his wife and party arrived here by air this morning at the invitation of Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win.

The guest minister and party were welcomed at Yangon international Airport by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win and wife, Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol, heads of department under the Ministry of Transport and officials.

(4) Assistant UN Secretary-General calls on Minister for Foreign Affairs

YANGON, 8 May—Assistant United Nations Secretary-General Mr Alvaro De Soto, Representative of the Unit Nations Secretary-General called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw at ministry this morning. They discussed matters of mutual interest.

Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department U Ba Thwin, Director General of the Consular, International Law and Treaties and Research Department U Aye Lwin and Director of the International Organizations Division U Tin Maung Aye were also present.

He arrived here by air yesterday morning.

He was accompanied by Ms Hiroko Miyamura, Associate Political Affairs Officer, Department of Political Affairs of the UN Headquarters.

(5) Myanmar Specialists successfully perform renal transplant operation

YANGON, 8 May—Patients who require renal transplant no longer need to go abroad for renal transplant as Myanmar Specialists successfully performed these operations at the New Yangon General Hospital, this morning.

(6) Nationals of Putao region arrive

YANGON, 8 May—At the invitation of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, altogether 153 nationals of Putao region, Kachin State, arrived here by Tatmadaw airSaft today. The first group arrived here at 9 am and the second group at 4.30 pm.

On arrival at Mingaladon Air Force Base, they were welcomed by Vice-Adjutant General Brig-Gen Than Tun, commander of Mingaladon Air Force Base Brig-Gen Ba Htay Chit, Deputy Adjutant General-Col Ye Tun and Tatmadaw officers. They were accommodated at Bayirgtnaung No 1 Transit Centre.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint visited Bayintnaung No 1 Transit
Centre at 5 pm. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Lt-Gen Win Myint cordially conversed with the nationals and presented gifts.

(7) Financial Attach for South-East Asia Region meets Chairman of Myanmar May Flower Bank Ltd

YANGON 8 May - Mr Patrick Pillon, Financial Attaché for South-East Asia Region, Franch Embassy Financial Agency for South-East Asia, met Chairman of Myanmar May Flower Bank Ltd U Kyaw Win at the Head Office of Myanmar May Flower Bank at 9th Mile, Pyay Road, at 10 am.

(8) 1997 World Red Cross Day observed

YANGON, 8 May - The 1997 World Red Cross Day was observed at the Assembly Hall of the Institute of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning. President of MRCS Dr Hla Bu delivered the opening address.

(9) MIC Chairman receives Chairnan of Mandalay Mining Company NL

YANGON, 8 May - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chairman of Mandalay Mining Company NL Mr John R Shepherd and party of Australia at his office this afternoon. They discussed implementation of Mandalay Mining Company NL for the development of Namatu Mine and their future tasks. Present also were Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Ministers and Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein and officials.