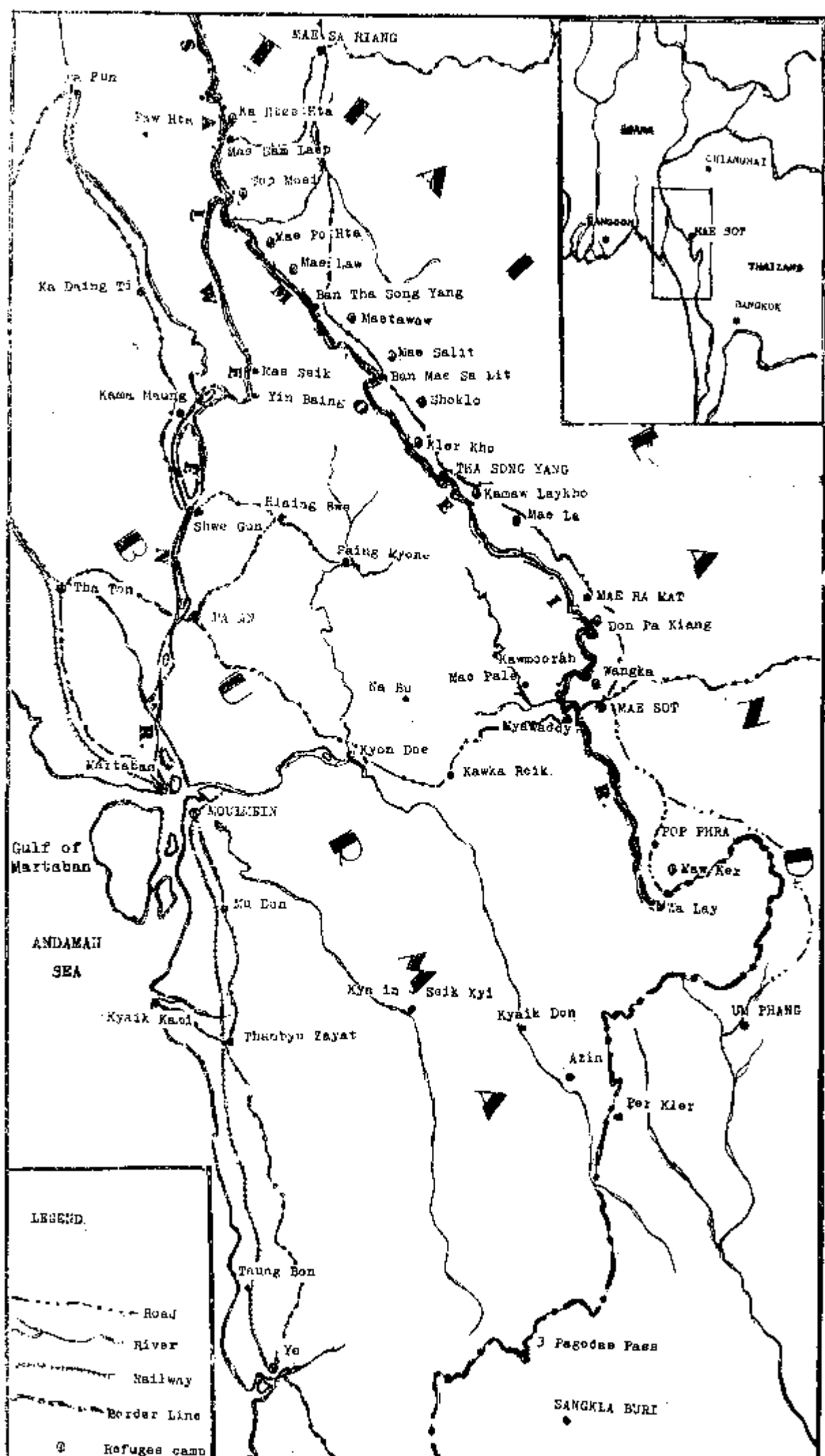




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The month of January has been 30 quiet and peaceful here along the border that, one is almost tempted to believe that things have changed. Last year around this time fighting had been very very heavy.

But, elsewhere inside Burma it had not been so quiet. SLORC's mopping up operation in Tantabin township of Toungoo district had caused Karen civilians in the area to become displaced. Properties belonging to the villagers were either taken or destroyed by soldiers of SLORC. Hundred of affected civilians from the area had fled into the Papun hills and are taking refuge there now.

Life for civilians inside Burma continues to be affected by relocation, forced labour and taxes levied on them for various reasons. The fact that civilians are still coming into the refugee camps is proof that life for them in Burma is too difficult and perilous.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No. of families	Over 12 Yrs.	5 - 12 Yrs.	Under 5 Yrs.	TOTAL	
		M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	710	1053	1391	437	399	3785
DON PA KIANG	463	886	801	278	265	2598
MAE LA	1071	1247	1804	654	699	4989
KAMAW LAY KHO	649	1098	1144	345	312	3417
KLER KHO	465	895	866	300	283	2689
SHO KLO	1286	1984	2562	878	810	7085
MAE SA LIT	574	1008	1159	380	396	3238
MAE TA WAW	649	1072	234	583	581	4015
MAWKLER	878	1791	1625	383	309	5159
KLER THAY LU	B1	128	140	43	37	416
MAE PO HTA	177	353	359	101	90	952
MAE PAW MOO HTA	300	427	439	276	255	1959
KA HTSB HTA	273	406	466	208	209	1497
	7581	12348	13990	4366	4645	41799
SOUTHERN CAMPS						
PER KLER	745	1377	1288	389	405	4024
PANG SA NOK	420	654	630	220	259	2075
NAT IN DAUNG	271	374	412	123	133	1225
TOTAL:	9017	14753	16320	5598	5442	49123

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM: -BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	...	4852	sacks
"	...	1925	"
"	...	* 300	"
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY			
RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	...	350	"
-INTERAID- THAILAND	...	100	"
		7527	" sacks

*For emergency use in Salween area.

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

FROM:-BURMBSE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)-Fish Paste	...	2578	tins
-Salt	...	677	bags

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP:	RICE	FISH	PASTE	SALT	
WANG KA		500	200	38	
DON PA KIANG		372	140	26	
MAE LA		712	255	50	
KAMAW LAY KHO		492	184	35	
KLBR KHO		380	142	27	
SHO KLO		1040	380	72	
MAE SA LIT		456	170	32	
MAE TA WAW		562	210	40	
MAW KBR		738	275	52	
KLER THAY LU**		180	70	15)	**Three months
MAE PO HIA*-*		410	155	30)	distribution:-
MAE PAW MOO HTA**		690	205	135)"	February to April
KA HTEE HTA**		645	192	125)	1993
	7227		2578	677	

The Karen Refugee Committee sincerely expresses its gratitude to the authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in granting refuge to the Karens and other displaced people from Burma who are in trouble and need. This noble gesture of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered by the Karens of Burma.

The Committee is also sincerely grateful to the individuals and agencies concerned for everything that they have done to help. The help and support provided» has made it possible for these people in the camps to get by from day to day,

Life for the Karens and other people of Burma continues to be plagued with danger and sufferings. They call out to the civilised world for understanding and for help. They need the help and support of every peace loving people around the world to go through this difficult time.

It is very encouraging to note that the international community is following the Burma situation more closely now. We hope that through the sincere endeavour of every peace loving people around the world, the Burma problem. will be resolved and peace and justice will come back to the land.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee