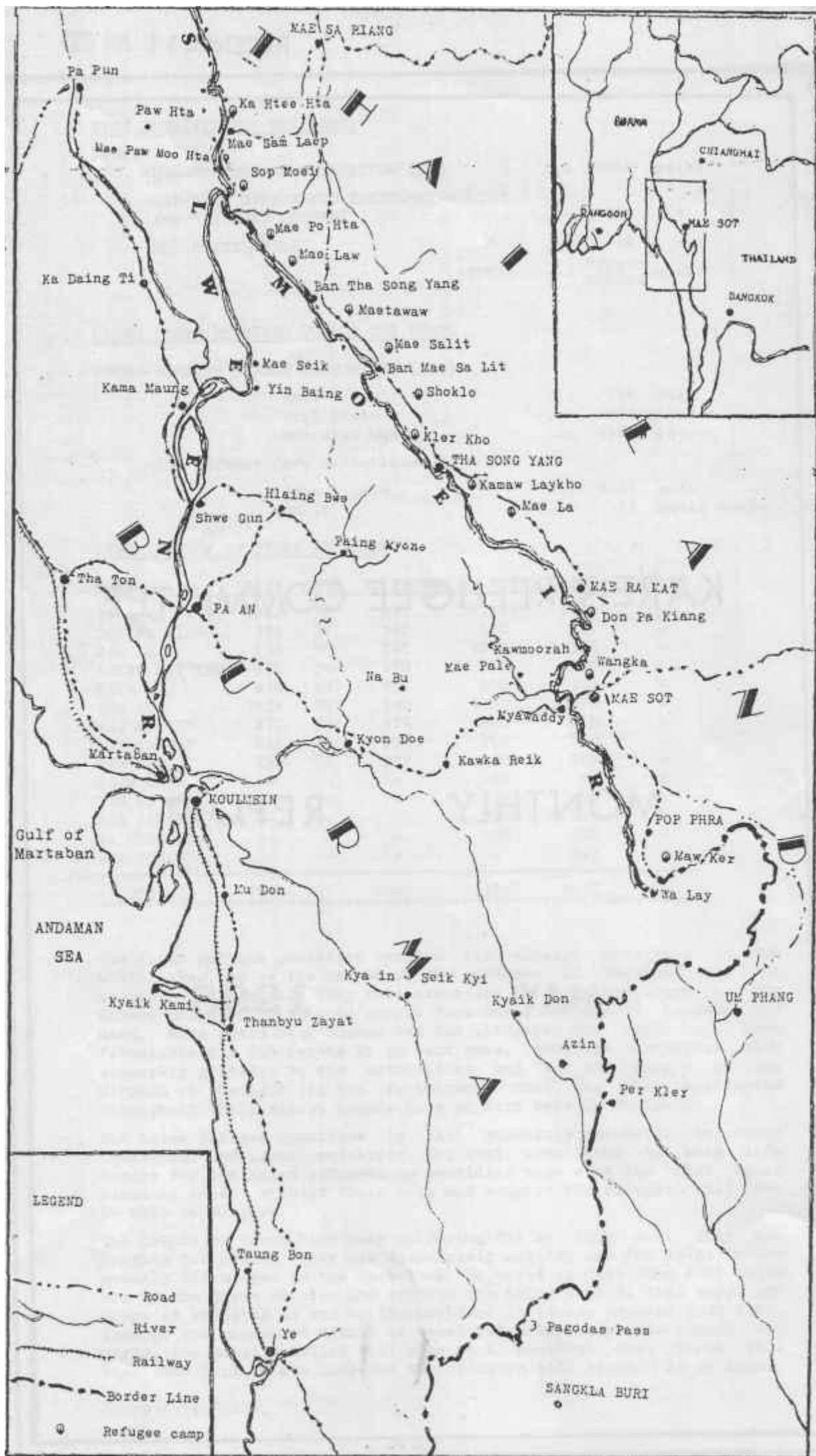


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The steady influx of displaced and uprooted Karen civilians into many of the Karen refugee camps in Thailand continues and it has caused the refugee population to increase further by more than 1,200 during the month of May.

It is however believed that this number represents but part of the Karen civilians and civilians of other nationals as well who had fled to the border during the month. Should all of them move into the camps, the number will surely be much higher than this.

The constant flow of civilians from affected areas in south eastern Burma to the border is a clear indication that the situation there has not improved in any way but on the contrary, it has only deteriorated further. Civilians in the area, especially those in the rural areas are living in constant fear and misery. Those who find the situation to be no longer tolerable flee to the border to the refugee camps in Thailand. They can tell the world a lot about their sufferings. They can tell the world a lot about their worries and their fears. They can tell the world about their hope and aspiration for a peaceful and better future,,

Life in the refugee oamps goes on quietly. The refugees survive on the basic items of need provided for them and on their part, they struggle hard from day to day according as the situation permits, to acquire the other items of daily necessity that life demands.

The rainy season sets in and schools in the refugee camps have reopened now for the new academic year.

NUMBER OP PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP	No. of families	Over 12 Yrs.		5 - 12 Yrs.		Under 5 Yrs.		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	723	1096	1426	451	410	274	250	3907
DON PA KIANG	483	910	821	286	271	175	212	2675
MAE LA	1071	1247	1804	654	699	271	314	4989
KAMAW LAY KHO	637	1087	1124	354	314	260	256	3395
KLER KHO	501	967	935	322	307	220	254	3005
SHO KLO	1426	2239	2876	996	922	455	526	8014
MAE SA LIT	594	1042	1200	404	409	154	164	3373
MAE TA WAW	748	1249	1457	682	685	324	333	4730
MAW KER	866	1776	1611	379	308	533	557	5164
KLER THAY LU	156	272	313	84	84	53	50	856
MAE PO HTA	224	396	417	133	131	45	35	1157
MAE PAW MOO HTA	366	717	794	273	251	162	175	2372
KA HTEE HTA	390	587	673	314	329	129	170	2172
	8185	13555	15451	5332	5120	3055	3296	45809
<u>SOUTHERN CAMPS</u>								
PER KLER	566	952	1043	459	409	221	206	3290
PANG SA NOK	511	768	782	312	283	206	195	2546
NAT IN DAUNG	173	377	415	123	133	93	90	1231
TOTAL:-	9435	15652	17691	6226	5945	3575	3787	52876

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-

- BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	5168	sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	350	"
-MR. RUSSEL PYLE	15	"
TOTAL:-	5533	sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

FROM--BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

Salt	...	386	bags
Fish Paste	...	2041	tins
Mosquito nets	...	8950	pcs.
-ZOA Refugee Care Netherlands			
School Sets	...	8317	sets
Chalk	...	11	small

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS! RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F. PASTE	M. NETS	S.SETS.	CHALK
WANG KA	562	38	203	750	1135	-
DON PA KIANG	382	27	142	500	517	-
MAE LA	712	50	265	2200	1306	-
KAMAW LAY KHO	478	34	178	650	409	-
KLER KHO	418	29	155	500	382	-
SHO KLO	1124	78	412	1400	1678	-
MAE SA LIT	472	33	176	600	475	-
MAE TA WAW	649	45	236	750	742	-
MAW KER	736	52	274	900	788	-
KLER THAY LU	-	-	-	150	52	1
MAE PO HTA	-	-	-	250	90	-
MAE PAW MOO HTA	-	-	-	200	375	10
KA HTEE HTA	-	-	-	100	206	-
LER PER HER	-	-	-	-	162	-
TOTAL:-	5533	386	2041	8950	8317	11

The Karen Refugee Committee tenders its sincere gratitude to the authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the kindness and goodwill they have expressed in granting refuge to the Karens and other displaced people from Burma who are in trouble and need. Nine years have passed but the situation has still not been favourable for the Karens to go back home. They are therefore also sincerely grateful to the authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the forbearance that has been manifested throughout their almost decade long sojourn here in Thailand.

The Karen Refugee Committee is also sincerely grateful to every individual and agency concerned, for their commitment to make life easier for the Karen refugees by providing them with the most basic items of need. Without these help and support the refugees will not be able to survive.

The people of Burma have been suffering for so long now. They are longing for peace. They are desperately calling out for help. We are greatly encouraged by the fact that the world is more than ever aware now of the Burma problem and efforts are being made to find ways and means of bringing an end to the problem. It is our earnest wish that, through the concerted effort of every peace loving people around the world, the Burma conflict will come to a peaceful end. Peace will then come back to this land and the refugees will be able to go home.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Htwe
Chairman