THE BURMA PASSPORT RULES, 1948.

1. (i) These rules may be called the Burma Passport Rules.

(ii) They shall take effect from the date on which the constitution of the Union of Burma comes into force.

2. In these rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

"President" means the President of the Union of Burma.

"Union" means the Union of Burma.

3. Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained no person proceeding from any place outside the Union of Burma shall enter the Union by sea or by air or by land unless he is in possession of a passport.

Explanation:-- A person entering the Union by sea or by air shall not be deemed to be proceeding from a place outside the Union by reason only of the fact he has traversed extra-territorial waters in the course of his journey.

4. Every such Passport:—

(i) shall have been issued or renewed by or on behalf of the country of which the person to whom it relates is a subject and shall be within the period of its validity;

(ii) shall have the date and place of issue, the issuing authority and the period of validity clearly shown upon it;

(iii) shall have affixed to it in such a way as to obviate the possibility of its removal and the substitution of another, a photograph of the person to whom it relates, duly authenticated by the issuing authority;

(iv) shall contain the description of the person to whom it relates and shall have affixed to it a genuine signature of the said person or, in the case of an illiterate person, a clear thumb impression;

(v) when issued by or on behalf of the Government of a foreign country shall have been endorsed for Burma by

that Government, and visaed for the Union by a proper Burmese Diplomatic, Consular or Passport Authority, or by a British Consular or Passport Control Officer authorized to act on behalf of the Government of the Union. Visas shall be of one of the following kinds, namely: —

(a) an entry visa valid six months or for such shorter period as may be specified therein, for one journey only to the Union for any legitimate purpose;

(b) a transit visa valid for six months, or for such short period as may be specified therein (provided that in no case shall it be valid for a period exceeding the period for which the visa for the country of ultimate destination is valid), for one or more direct journeys through the Union undertaken for the sole purpose of reaching the territory of a foreign state, and occupying in each case not more than ten days in the Union, and

(c) an entry visa valid for six months or for such shorter period as may be specified therein, for a legitimate purpose.

5. The following persons and classes of persons shall be exempted from the provisions of Rule 3 :—

(a) Citizens of the Union of Burma:

(b) Indigenous nationals of those countries, whose land borders are co-terminous with the border of the Union, entering the Union by land who are members of hill tribes inhabiting areas adjacent to the land border;

Provided that this exemption shall not apply to any such person who proceeds into the Union beyond twenty-five miles from the land border;

(c) Persons in possession of immigration permits issued by the Controller of Immigration; and

(d) Persons or classes of persons as may be specified in this behalf subject to such conditions as may be specified.

6; Any person who—

(a) enters the Union in contravention of the provisions of Rule 3 ; or

(b) forges, alters or tampers with any passport, or any visa or endorsement thereon, or without lawful authority uses or has in his possession any such forged, altered or irregular passport, or any passport with any such forged, altered or irregular visa or endorsement ; or

(d) allows any other person to have possession of any passport issued for his use alone, or without lawful authority has in his possession any passport issued for the use of some person other than himself ; or

(e) does any act in contravention of any condition prescribed under Rule 5 (d);

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine or with both.

7. Any person who attempts to commit or abets or attempts to abet the commission of any offence punishable under Rule 6 shall be punishable in like manner as if he had committed the offence.