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Dear Bertil,

I shall answer your questions first re:

1. Jimmy Yang or Yang Kyein Sein

He was born in Kokang (not sure of exact place) could be Jadiling, in April 1920. In 1931, he attended Shan Chief School in Taungyi until matriculation. He was enrolled in Rangoon University but in Oct. 1943 joined the Central University in Chungking. For a short while he joined the Foreign Office, Burma government, as Attache. In 1950 he was elected MP for Kokang Constituency of the Lower House or House of Representatives. He started the Kokang Revolutionary Force in Oct. 1963. He went to Paris sometime after 1972 or 1973 (you may be able to check this with Thai papers). He returned to Rangoon in 1980 and died in 1985 at his residence at Rangoon.

He founded and chaired the followings:

1. East Burma Bank. 2. Joint-Venture Corporation No.8 Rangoon. 3. Ensign Motor Ltd. Rangoon. 4. Tai Ming Co. Ltd, Hsipaw. 5. Shwe Baho Cinema, Rangoon. 6. Tai Trading Co. Ltd. Rangoon. 7. Yan Gyi Aung Co. Ltd, Rangoon.

He was Director of (1) Union Hills Co. Ltd. Rangoon. (2) Rose Bank Steam Laundry Ltd. Rangoon.

He was member of (1) Rotary Club, Rangoon. (2) Sawbwa Lodge, Rangoon. (3) Temperance Lodge, Rangoon. (4) Union Club (5) Orient Club Rangoon (6) Turf Club, Rangoon.

Olive Yang or Yang Kyin Siu (born in Kokang in 1927). First educated in Kokang and then in Lashio, Guardian Angel's Convent. She was arrested in 1952 for joining the KMTs. She was held in Mandalay Jail for five years. She ruled Kokang from 1960 until she was detained in 1962 along with other politicians immediately after the coup. She was released in 1968. There are thirteen brothers and sisters excluding Olive. What happened to them will be a lengthy story.

As mentioned before I thought the colour photo entitled 'Early morning in a Kokang village' in your Land of Jade might make a nice cover for my book. I thought it complements the title of my book and would like your permission to use it. If you have other suitable photos I would also like to have a look if it is not too much trouble.

If you have any more queries please let me know.

I really do not know what the outcome will be re: the recent conflict in Kokang. Certainly, there are many differences and Lo is one of them.

By the way Peng is the better spelling than the Pong that I used previously.

With best wishes,

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