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# Communist Party Of Burma's Response To Peace Overture

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## Peace To Be Negotiated Collectively By All Underground Organisations

From Our Staff Reporter

The Communist Party of Burma (the White Flag Communists) are ready to send an advance party to Rangoon, to hold preliminary talks with the Government and to reach an accommodation which will form the basis for the Peace Parley to follow.

When the main Peace Talks are held the Communist Party would be represented by its Central Committee.

The above is a gist of a number of communications that have arrived from the Communist Party. The main letter to the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council has been mailed. There are separate letters from Thakin Than Tun, Chairman of the Central Committee, and Ko Htay, Secretary of the Party, to Thakin Kodaw Hmaing who, as Chairman of the Internal Peace Committee, has acted in the past as intermediary between the BCP and the Government.

According to ex-Brigadier Kyaw Zaw, who is also trying to promote peace through the Internal Peace Committee, the BCP welcomes the Government's peace overture. The BCP does not believe that surrenders or the granting of an amnesty should form the basis of enduring peace, but rather that there should be preliminary talks and a certain amount of preparation based on an agenda for the main Peace Talks to follow.

The BCP also desires that the Peace Talks should be held, not with each individual underground group as it comes forward, but with all the representatives of the underground movements on the one side, and the Government on the other.

The BCP is also understood to have sent to the Internal Peace Committee an announcement for the information of the general public.

## CPB Mission Meets PPP & ABKO

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The preliminary Peace Mission of the Communist Party of Burma yesterday visited the Peoples' Progressive Party and the All-Burma Karen Organisation and discussed with the leaders current problems of Burma.

During the talks at the PPP HQ at No. 64, Windermere Crescent, Yebaw Htay leader of the Mission, was asked to define the status of the national bourgeoisie in a socialist society. He said that he had no authority to give a definite reply on this question, but pointed out that according to Thakin Than Tun's letter of June 22 to the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, it had been mentioned that national entrepreneurs would be given protection.

He added that what was most important at the moment was to keep a sharp look-out for imperialist plots to sabotage the peace parleys between the Government and underground organizations.

The Mission later visited the ABKO at No. 17, Kathit Road, Kemmendine, where a warm welcome was given to it by all Central Committee members of the Organization, namely Mahn Mya Thee, Mahn Da Weit, Mahn Tin Nyunt, and Mahn Aung Kyi.

Mahn Mya Thee, ABKO President, told the Mission that the problems of national minorities should also be taken in account in laying down any plan for restoration of peace to the country.

Yebaw Htay agreed with this point and added that the peace which should be aimed at was a real peace, and not the kind which could be established only through bloodshed and "tears".

Yebaw Aung Gyi, a member of the Mission, warned the ABKO leaders that the danger of reactionaries within the country and imperialists abroad had grown greater, and that a vigilant eye should be kept on these hostile elements who did not relish the idea of a return of peace to the country.

The Mission will meet ex-Brigadier Kyaw Zaw and U Aung Than (elder brother of the late Bogyoke Aung San) today.

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Sept 6, 1963

BCP PEACE MISSION EXCHANGES VIEWS WITH NUF: The Peace Mission of the Communist Party of Burma, led by Yebaw Htay, yesterday exchanged views on the problem of internal peace with members of the NUF Presidium.

Yebaw Htay told NUF leaders that the Party was trying to secure Unity of underground organizations through the National Democratic Unity Front, because unity of the people was an essential prerequisite for the return of peace to the country. He called upon the latter to strive for similar unity among the leftist organizations aboveground.

Later in the evening, the Mission had similar fraternal discussions with members of the Central Committee of the United Workers' Party of Burma.

At both meetings, the BCP leaders and their hosts agreed that a vigilant watch should be kept on the danger of imperialists wrecking the efforts for peace of the people.

The BCP Mission is seen in the picture with NUF leaders such as Bo Ohn Tin and Bo Mya Thwe.