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RED FLAG ' GENERAL ' & WIFE CAPTURED

RANGOON, October 24- " Red Flag " Communist Party Central Committee member " General " Ohn Maung and his wife Daw Aye Yi, also a Central Committee member, were captured by the troops while hiding in Nyandaw Quarter, Maymyo on 21 October.

On receipt of information that people with underground connections were putting up at the house of one U Chit Aye and Ma Toke of Nyandaw Quarter, troops swooped down on the house and rounded up " General " Ohn Maung and Daw Aye Yi.

Yeni Ohn Maung alias Arloo Ohn Maung alias Aung Gyi was born to U Shwe Din and Daw Soe of Kyuin village, Banbwe village tract, Nawngkhio Township, Kyaukme District in 1921. He is the youngest of seven children and received his primary schooling at Kyu-in village. He passed the primary school examination from Ngaho village primary school in Mongmit Township, Kyaukme District in 1933.

He passed the seventh standard from the Mongmit Township State Anglo-Vernacular Middle School in 1934 and joined the American School of Agriculture in Pyinmana. He was later expelled from the school for taking part in student politics.

Yeni Ohn Maung joined the First Shan Rifles in 1941 and the Burma Independence Army the following year. Following the information of the Burma Defence Army he served in the 1st Regiment as well as in the anti-aircraft battery and was promoted to the rank of a Sergeant in 1943 and a Warrant Officer the following year.

When the Anti-Fascist Resistance Movement was started in 1945 he joined Bo Sein Tin's unit, lying low in Rangoon. After the Second World War he joined the Field Artillery at Meiktila and rose to the rank of Company Quarter Master in 1946-47. He was then transferred to the 6th Burma Rifles at Pegu in 1947 and was discharged from the army for his connections with the "Red Flag " Communist Party later that same year.

He served a nine-month sentence in the Mandalay Jail for contacting Thakin Tin Mya and Daw Saw Mya of the "Red Flag" Communist Party and distributing propaganda leaflets in 1948.

He married school teacher Yeni Mai Daw Hinthia of Mongmit in 1949 and, with a force of 30 men, started their underground activities in Maymyo area. They later joined forces with head of the Upper Burma "Red Flag" Branch Ko Htu in Khin-U Township of Shwebo District. Yeni Ohn Maung served as Commander of the Red Flag " 86th Battalion."

He was then sent to the Shan State as an organiser in 1950 and confined his activities in the Thabeikkyin and Mongmit Township. It was in the course of his activities that he murdered Sub-Inspector of Police U Tun On of Mongmit.

Following the death of Daw Hinthia in 1951, Yeni Ohn Maung married Ma Aye Yi alias Ma Thein Shwe (presently a member of the Red Flag Northern Bureau Central Committee), daughter of U Tun Myaing (deceased) and Daw Aye Nyun (deceased ) of Kyu-in village. He was promoted to the rank of District Committee member that same year. He was forced to flee from place to place under the pressure of "Operation Maga" in 1955-56 and sought refuge in Shwebo, Mandalay, Mogok and Mongmit areas in 1957 and in Shwebo, Khin-U, Kanbalu and Thabeikkyin areas from 1959 to 1961.

Was summoned to the "Red Flag" Headquarters on Sinlaitaung in Pakokku District by Thakin Soe in 1970. Served on the Central Committee together with Thakin Soe.

When Thakin Soe left Headquarters for "peace talks" with the Government, he continued to be active together with other Central Committee members - U Aung, U Thawda, Ko Kyi Lin and Bo Soe Hla. - NAB