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INCOMING TELEGRAM

PORTERS FOR THE MILITARY.

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THE TANGSAN (BURMA MILITARY) IS NOW MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR ASSIGNING PERMANENT TROUBLE-MAKERS WHO HAVE NO
STEADY JOB AS PORTERS. THOSE BEING ASSIGNED AS PORTERS
INCLUDE THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES OF VARIOUS KINDS;
LOOTERS, PICKPOCKETS, ROBBERIES, THEIVES AND UNSEXY
ELEMENTS. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT STUDENTS, WORKERS,
GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AND THOSE WHO HAVE PERMANENT
RESIDENCE ARE NOT BEING ASSIGNED AS PORTERS. SINCE
1966, THE MILITARY HAS ASSIGNED 1,520 PERSONS AS
PORTERS. IT ALSO CLAIMS THAT PORTERS WILL BE PAID
A B.50 PER DAY. 1 USG EQUALS 6.5 KYAT AT THE OFFICIAL RATE
AND 5 USG EQUALS 35 KYAT AT THE BLACK MARKET RATE AND GIVEN
FREE MEALS AND AS A RESULT ... MAKING THEM AS WELL
AS THEIR GENERATIONS TO COME HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AND
HAVE A PERMANENT RESIDENCE, BEHELD TO WORRY ABOUT
FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER NEEDS." THE RATIONALE AND
JUSEF JACQUES EXHIBIT BY THE MILITARY WAS GIVEN AS "THE PORTERS ARE HINDERING THE TASKS OF RESTORING
LAW AND ORDER IN RANGOON." THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY
THAT "THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE NOT THAT THE
PORTERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED IN FORWARD OPERATIONS BUT
TO MAKE THE RANGOON CITY FREE FROM CRIMES AS WELL AS
RESTORE LAW AND ORDER."

(b)(3):10 USC 424

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

bourg. 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER "THE WORKING
PEOPLE'S DAILY" 1 CT, DTO 080818, 8 PAGES, WJ.
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