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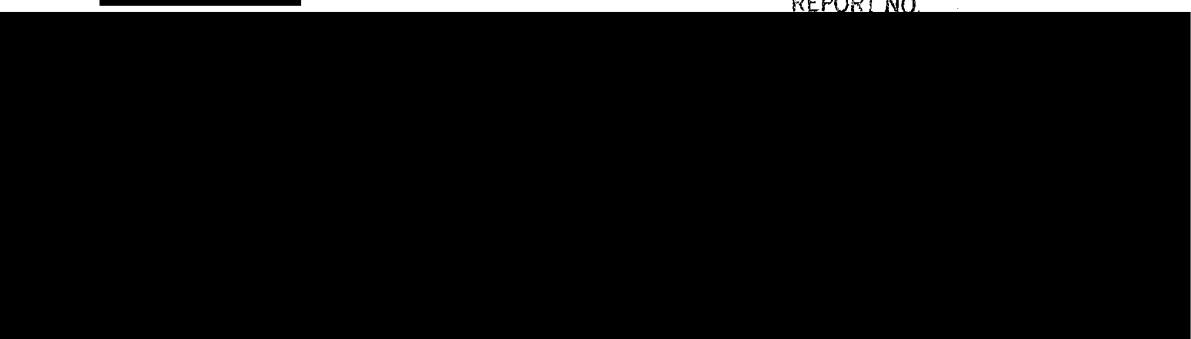
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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.



1. An edition of the Alinvaung Journal, official organ of the Peoples Democratic Front (PDF), dated 1 April 1951, contains an announcement of the enlargement of the Central Organization Committee of the PDF with the co-optation of Bo NYUNT MAUNG of the insurgent Peoples Volunteer Organization (PVO) with effect from 18 February 1951. The announcement gives the current composition of the Central Organization Committee as follows: 1

Thakin THAN TUN

Thakin BA TINSIN TIN

Bo ZIYA

Bo YE WTUT

Thakin TIN TUN

Thakin THAN NYAUNG

Bo SOE WAUNG

Bo SPIN TIN

Thakin ZIN

Bo TUNIN

Bo NYUNT MAUNG²

2. The announcement gives a short history of Bo NYUNT MAUNG and his activities as a leader of the Rangoon District PVOs and refers to his remaining with the PDF in opposition to the decision of the All Burma PVO Conference held on 12 November 1949 that they should fight against the Burma Communist Party (BCP). Bo NYUNT MAUNG, it is stated, had been successful in rallying the PVOs in Panthawaddy, Pegu, and Thetun Districts, who had formerly cooperated with the Government, into the fold of the Lower Burma Peoples

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Democratic Front. In addition to his appointment as a member of the PDF Central Organization Committee, he holds the post of Chief Organizer of the insurgent PVOs throughout Burma.

25X1X 1. Comment. The first ten officials are already known as members of the Central Organization Committee.

25X1X 2. Comment. After the open split between the White Band PVOs and the BCP-led PDF in March 1950, there were several reports of the activities of Bo NYUNT MAUNG in Lower Burma which suggested that he was primarily concerned with preventing the PVOs in that area from surrendering to the Government. It was suggested at that time that although not openly supporting the PDF he was in fact secretly in league with them and working to prevent any further PVO defection. This is now confirmed by the article referred to above. The publication of Bo NYUNT MAUNG's appointment represents an advance in the BCP's relations with the PVOs but there are still other groups of PVOs with whom no satisfactory agreement has been reached.

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