

BRITAIN'S SYMPATHY FOR BURMA

LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF INSURRECTION

LONDON, July 22.—U Tin Tut, Burma's Minister without portfolio and High Commissioner-Designate to Britain, and U Ko Gyi, Vice-President of the Burma Socialist Party, on the eve of their departure from London today for Rangoon, gave an exclusive message for the Burmese people.

Speaking for both, U Tin Tut said: "On the eve of our departure from England, we wish to convey our greetings and good wishes to our colleagues in Burma who have been faced with such a serious crisis in their affairs. Our shock and distress at the loss of our martyred leader, Gen Aung San, and the others who died with him are shared by all sections of the British public.

"We have received many expressions of sympathy and assurance that HMCS will not permit the damnable outrage to delay in any way the attainment of the full independence towards which Gen Aung San was leading us rapidly.

"We have been assured authoritatively, and it is generally recognized and acknowledged in England, that the responsibility for restoring and maintaining law and order in Burma and for putting down any attempt at terrorism is one entirely for the Burmese Government, and we have no doubt that the new Burmese Government is fully equal to that task.

"The most favourable impression has been created in the U.K. by the promptness with which the Cabinet was reconstituted.

"There is general confidence in the leadership of U Thakin SA, who created an excellent impression during his recent visit to England. We tender our best wishes to the people of Burma, with whom we shall be reunited in a few days."

Earlier, U Tin Tut and U Ko Gyi held a Press conference in the Savoy hotel. This tended to a large extent to take the form of an explanation of the possible origin of the assassination.

In opening the proceedings, U Tin Tut said that there must be a great deal of curiosity as to the cause and effect of the terrible disaster. He thought the British Office had been very good in that it placed before the Press in Britain all the factual information available so far as the facts were concerned, he and his colleague were in no better position than those present, but they were perhaps able to draw inferences and form certain tentative conclusions.—REUTERS

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