

**SOCIAL LIFE OF MYANMAR FROM THE NEWSPAPERS
DURING (1948-58)**

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation emphasize on the study of the Social Life of Myanmar from the Newspapers during 1948-1958. After AFPFL Government came to power, there were more than eighty newspapers in circulation. The newspapers are the records of the period. The aim and purpose of this dissertation is to reveal Social conditions of Myanmar during the Post-Independence Period. According to the newspapers, AFPFL Government made efforts to improve social sectors. Because of the efforts of the Government, there were developments in educational sectors and health sectors to a certain extent. For the educational sector, compulsory education system was started and all the schools taught the subjects only in Myanmar. Under new educational system, the Mass Education System was successful. With a view to raising the education standard of the nation, the AFPFL Government made efforts to improve the education standard of the nation and the government could manage to promote the basic and higher education sector. Under the AFPFL Government the Literacy rate was increased. In the health sector, AFPFL Government tried to its utmost to ensure low death rates of the people, widen the scope of the public knowledge about health. AFPFL Government cooperated with world's nations to effectively work out problems on health and took preventive measures against the diseases. In the time of the AFPFL Government more new hospitals were built and health training courses conducted to improve the health sector. The Social Life of Myanmar improved under AFPFL Government regarding the health sector. And then, AFPFL Government attempted to promote Buddhism.

Many Buddhist Learning centers were opened. The government carried out the propagation of *Buddha Sasana* and many Sanghas were dispatched on missionaries to western countries. The AFPFL Government made efforts in religious affairs through various ways to be perfect in all aspects. The Social Life of Myanmar from the Newspapers during 1948-1958 was said to be a good condition.

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