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# Remarks of Premier Zhou Enlai receiving the Burmese Government Labor Commission

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### Summary:

Zhou Enlai asks that Burma avoid trading and cooperating with the United States.

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Chinese

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On May 20, 1953, from 11:10 P.M. to 12:35 A.M., [Zhou Enlai] met with Burmese Government Labor Commission Leader Bo Mu'ang [sic] and Burmese Ambassador U Hla Maung.

While meeting with the Burmese Government Labor Commission, Premier Zhou Enlai expressed that "we are developing economic ties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. We are not looking for one side's conditions to outweigh the others. If the Burmese government discontinues its acceptance of American aid by June, it will excite many of the Asian nations."

In the course of conversation, U Hla Maung said that America wished to meddle with Burma's commercial trading. "When we announced that we would be selling China 1000 tons of rubber, the American ambassador went to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and said, 'You are a member of the United Nations. You must respect the U.N. resolution's embargo against shipping strategic materials to China [U.N. 5<sup>th</sup> Gen. Assembly Resolution, A/RES/498(V)].' Our Foreign Ministry replied, 'We did not vote on that resolution'...They grow strong by sucking up our blood. They take away our raw materials, process them, and send them right back to us, squeezing out double the price."