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Burma before the British conquest. Because of its location, trade routes between China and India passed straight through the country, keeping Burma wealthy through trade, although self-sufficient agriculture was still the basis of the economy. More information about Burma is available on the Burma Page and from other Department of State publications and other sources listed at the end of this fact sheet. Myanmar (English pronunciation below; Burmese:), officially the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and also known as Burma, is a country in Southeast Asia. Burma sorely needed the practical reasonableness and organizational skills of Aung San. When the ten year opportunity for some of the non-Burman territories to secede from the Union approached the military carried out a coup d'etat in 1958.