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9 A.M. - app. with Lucy La Maung for sitting for portrait - Poor, preliminary study. Hope to do better tomorrow. Had lunch with Mr. & Mrs. La Maung - Native food - highly seasoned. Pots of water to wash hands on table before & after lunch. La Maung eats native style with his fingers.

Three charming children - all very tall for Burmese, Kervin 6. Beautiful daughter - 11 & son of 15. Lucy is only 32 & handsome as is her husband.

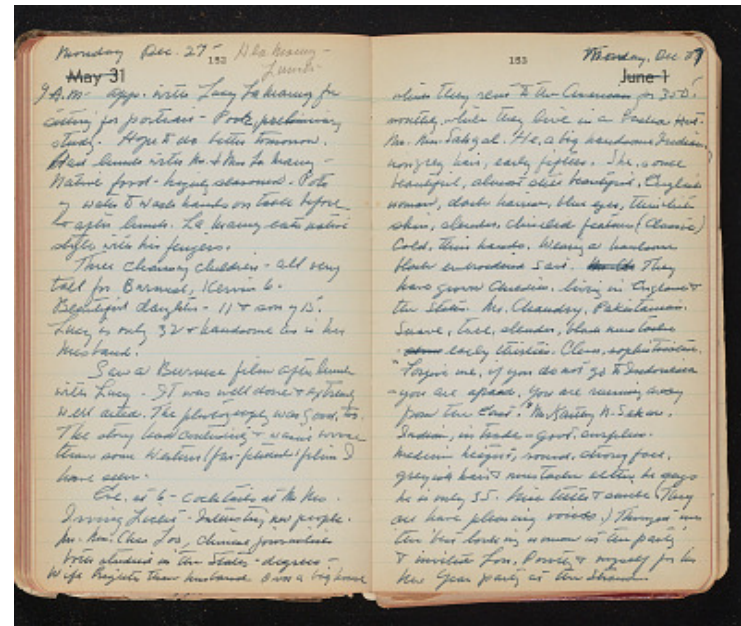
Saw a Burmese film after lunch with Lucy. It was well done & extremely well acted. The photography was good, too. The story had [[?]] & wasn't worse than some Western (far-fetched) films I have seen.

Eve. at 6 - cocktails at Mr. Mrs. Irving Licht. Interesting new people. Mr. Mrs. Chen Loo, Chinese journalists both studied in the States - degrees - Wife brighter than husband. Own a big house

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which they rent to the Americans for 350. monthly while they live in a basha Hut. Mr. Mrs. Sahgal. He, a big handsome Indian, iron grey hair, early fifties. She, a once beautiful, almost still beautiful, English woman, dark haired, blue eyes, thin white skin, slender, chiseled features (classic) cold, thin hands. Wearing a handsome black embroidered sari. [[striketrough]] Mr. Ch [[/striketrough]] They have grown children. living in England & the States. Mr. Chaudry, Pakistanian, suave, tall, slender, black mustache [[striketrough]] about [[/striketrough]] early thirties. Clever, sophisticated. "Forgive me, if you do not go to Indonesia - you are afraid. You are running away from the East." Mr. Karthy N. Sekar, Indian, in trade - govt. surplus. Medium height, round, strong face, greyish hair & mustache altho he says he is only 35. Nice teeth & smile (They all have pleasing voices.) Thought me the 'best looking woman at the party' & invited Lou, Dorothy & myself for his New Year party at the Strand.



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