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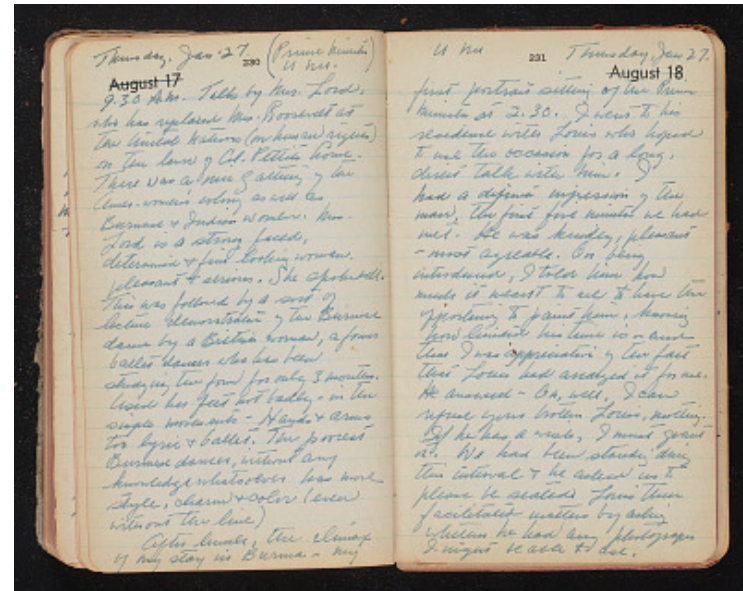
9.30 A.M. Talk by Mrs. Lord, who has replaced Mrs. Roosevelt at the United Nations (on human rights) on the lawn of Col. Pettitts' home. There was a nice gathering of the Amer. womens' colony as well as Burmese & Indian women. Mrs. Lord is a strong faced, determined & fine looking woman. pleasant & serious. She spoke well. This was followed by a sort of lecture demonstration of the Burmese dance by a British woman, a former ballet dancer who has been studying the form for only 3 months. Used her feet not badly - in the simple movements - Hands & arms too lyric & ballet. The poorest Burmese dancer, without any knowledge whatsoever has more style, charm & color (even without the line)

After lunch, the climax of my stay in Burma- my

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first portrait sitting of the Prime Minister at 2.30. I went to his residence with Louis who hoped to use the occasion for a long, direct talk with him. I had a definite impression of the man, the first five minutes we had met. He was kindly, pleasant - most agreeable. On being introduced, I told him how much it meant to me to have the opportunity to paint him, knowing how limited his time is - and that I was appreciative of the fact that Louis had arranged it for me. He answered - Oh, well, I can refuse your brother, Louis, nothing. If he has a wish, I must grant it. We had been standing during this interval & he asked us to please be seated. Louis then facilitated matters by asking whether he had any photographs I might be able to use.



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