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MECHANIZED STONE QUARRY SPEEDS SOUTH VIETNAM REBUILDING

(Official Department of Defense motion picture film by the U. S. Army under the direction of the MACV Office of Information. Photography by SP6 Foulke; Sound by SP5 Nash.)

A critical shortage of crushed rock and a means of transporting it in South Vietnam have been major obstacles to the reconstruction of the highway system and the implementation of the Rural Construction Program. At Nui Sap, in An Giang Province, about 125 miles southwest of Saigon, the South Vietnamese have operated a quarry since the latter part of the nineteenth century, using only hand tools. Now Nui Sap Quarry has been mechanized. Through United States Agency for Development, funding provisions were made for contracting skilled manpower and construction materials. The contractor supplies American and Third Country engineers, operators and mechanics to operate and maintain the crushing plant. Two hundred and forty-three Vietnamese personnel, many of them refugees, are employed in the plant operation, receiving on-the-job training which will enable them to take over the plant completely in June 1970. The Plant will be turned over to the South Vietnamese Government at no cost. The quarry operates on a ten hour day, and is capable of producing 198 tons of crushed stone per hour. Seven self-propelled barges, each with a capacity of up to 500 tons, are an integral part of the operation. Current delivery points for the barges, specified by USAID and the South Vietnamese Minister of Public Works, include Long Xuyen, Can Tho, My Tho and Soc Trang.

SEQUENCES

SCENE FOOTAGE

VIDEO

AUDIO

3	(a) Aerial Nui Sap Quarry	Wild Track
2	(b) MLS men drilling rock	"
2	(c) CU drill, zoom out to workers	"
13	(d) Men prep dynamite into shape charge	"
2	(e) LS hillside	"
1	(f) CU hand pushes firing button	"
2	(g) LS explosion	"
8	(h) MS power shovel scooping rock	"
4	(i) Truck dumps rock into crusher	"
6	(j) MS rocks move on conveyor belt	"
6	(k) DA's rocks out of crusher to diff belt	"
3	(l) MS fine stone off belt into pile	"
2	(m) LS crusher	"
5	(n) Crushed stone off belt onto barges	"
4	(o) Barge attendant adjust cables	"
9	(p) Aerial loaded barges, pan to quarry	"

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