



19. Bright sun, deep water, so let's make a raft.



20. Street leading toward USAID warehouses 9 and 10 and Property Management Warehouse.



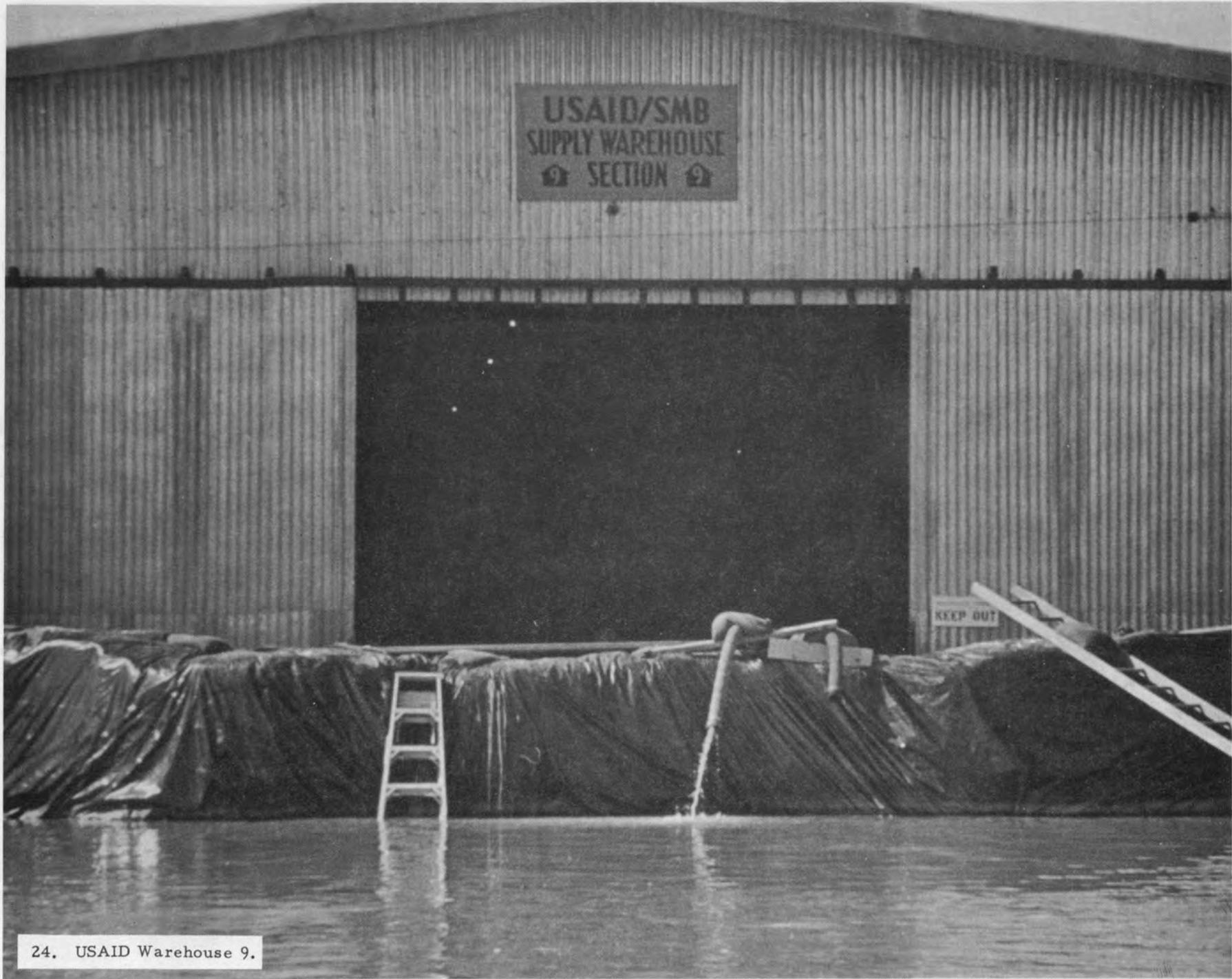
21. For the young, floods are more fun than worry. USAID Property Management Warehouse in background. Only drowning reported in Vientiane in first week of flooding was one infant.



22. Closer to the warehouses (see 20 and 21).



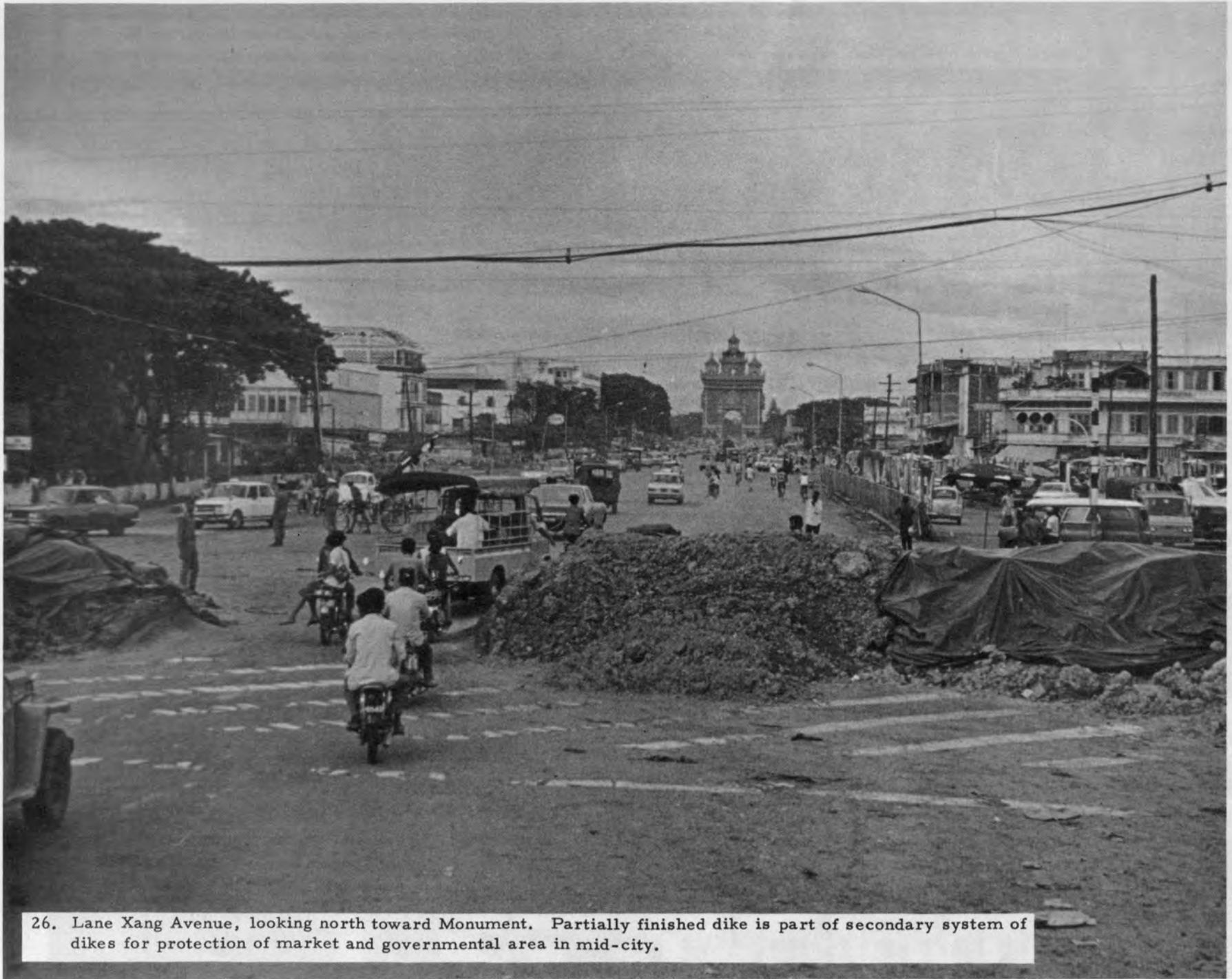
23. USAID warehouse 9 (left) and Property Management. These 25,000 square foot buildings had been banked with sandbags, which in turn were covered with polyethylene plastic, as the Mekong approached the 11.5 meter mark, and all stocks were raised several feet. Pumping managed to keep them fairly clear of water. As the flood persisted, percolation of water through the floors became a problem.



24. USAID Warehouse 9.



25. Thong Toun warehouse complex; note containers raised on oil drums.



26. Lane Xang Avenue, looking north toward Monument. Partially finished dike is part of secondary system of dikes for protection of market and governmental area in mid-city.



27. Another section of the mid-city dike, which was quickly erected of piled laterite, covered with plastic sheeting as protection against rain and erosion.



28. Constructing the mid-city dike. USAID Public Works, FHWA, Ministry of Public Works, the Prefect of Vientiane, the RLG military, the National Police, the Ministry of Social Welfare -- all these and many others worked shoulder to shoulder, their efforts being coordinated by RLG action committees at the Ministry and municipal levels.



29. Flooded section of Luang Prabang Street in Vientiane, Continental Air Services Inc. compound on right. Lao Boy Scouts (far left) were among the many civic organizations who rendered useful public services during the emergency.



30. Snack shops improvised new arrangements and continued business as usual.