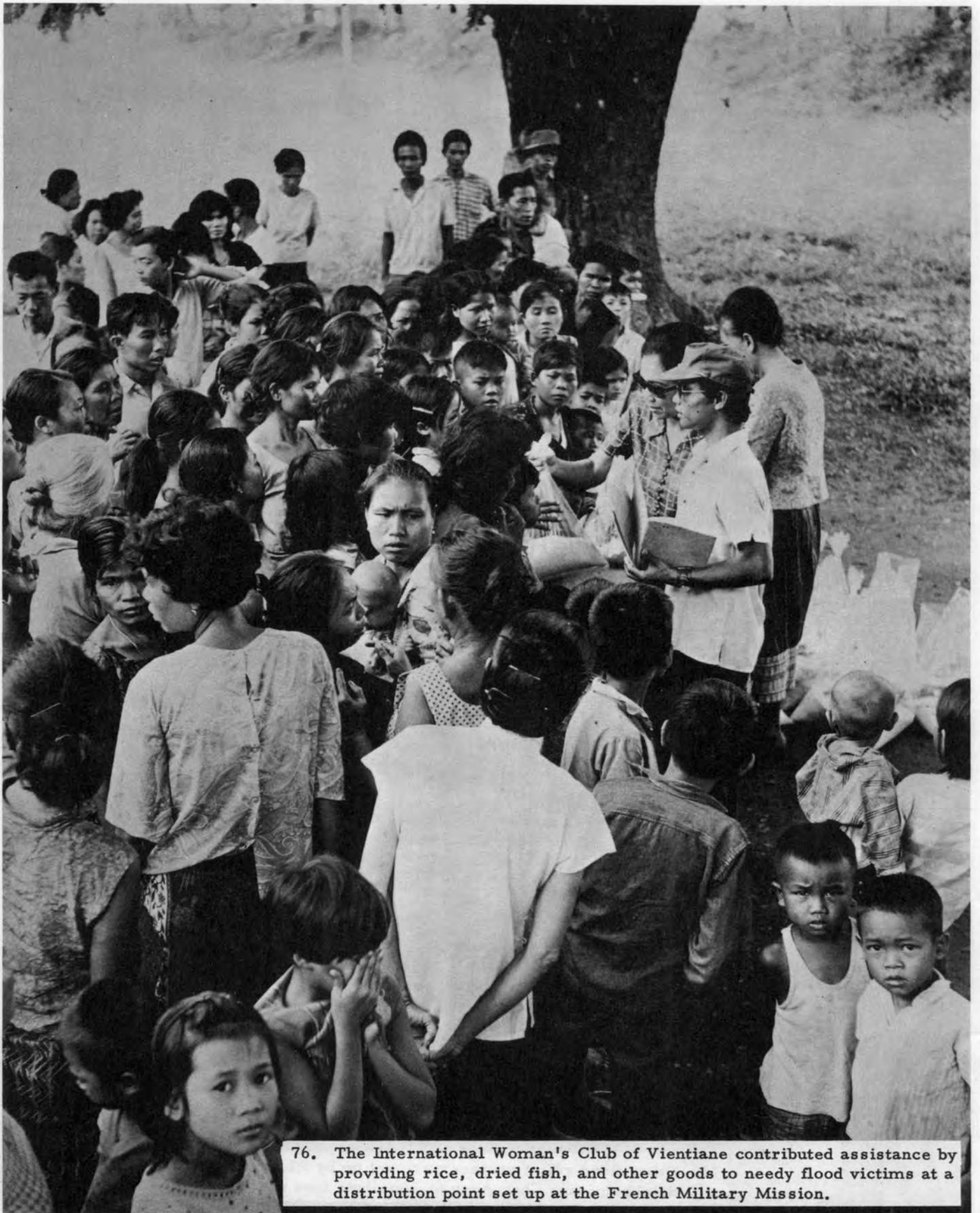




75. Other flood relief centers were set up by RLG Social Welfare at Chinaimo, Salakham, and Chao Anou to distribute food and other relief commodities.



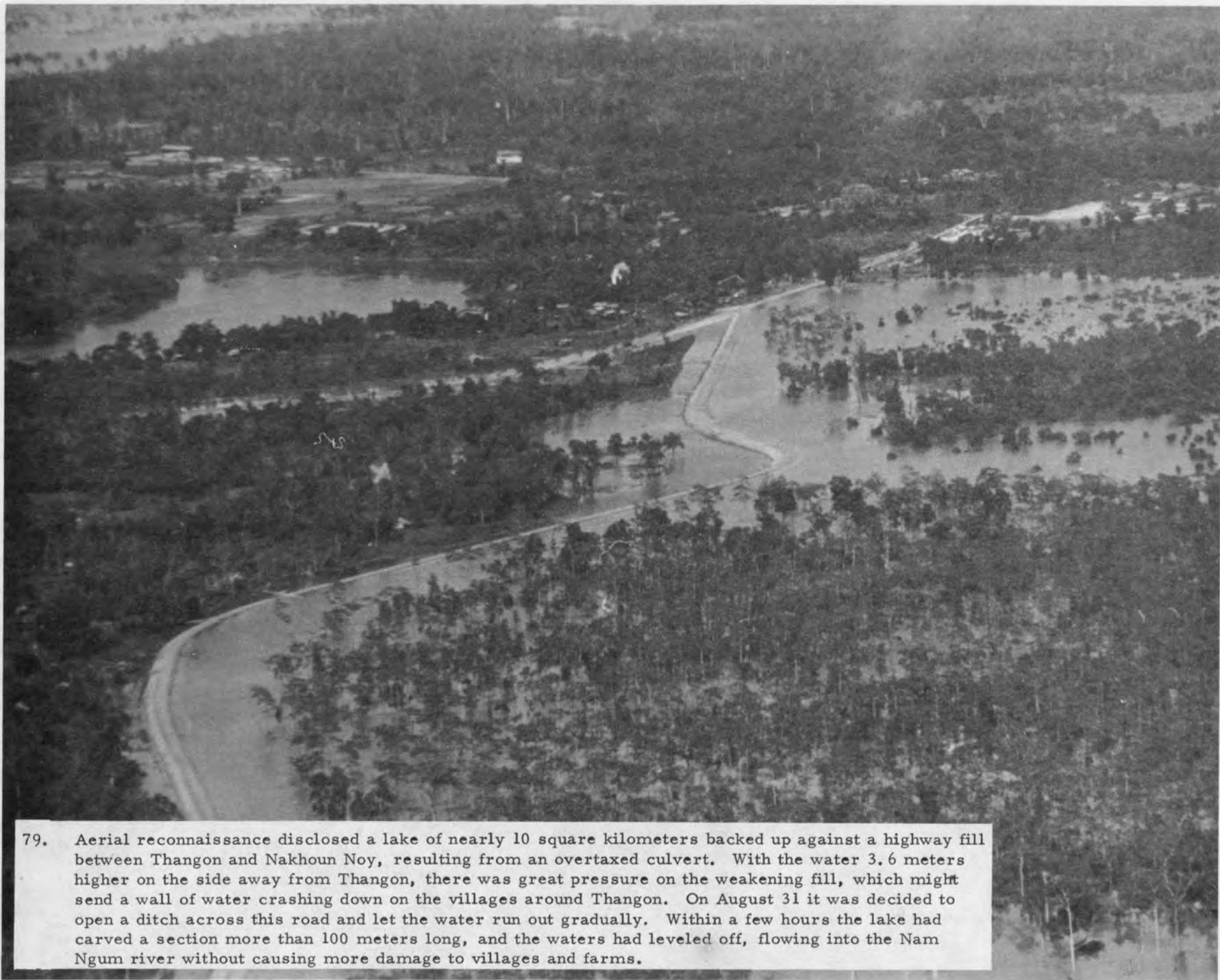
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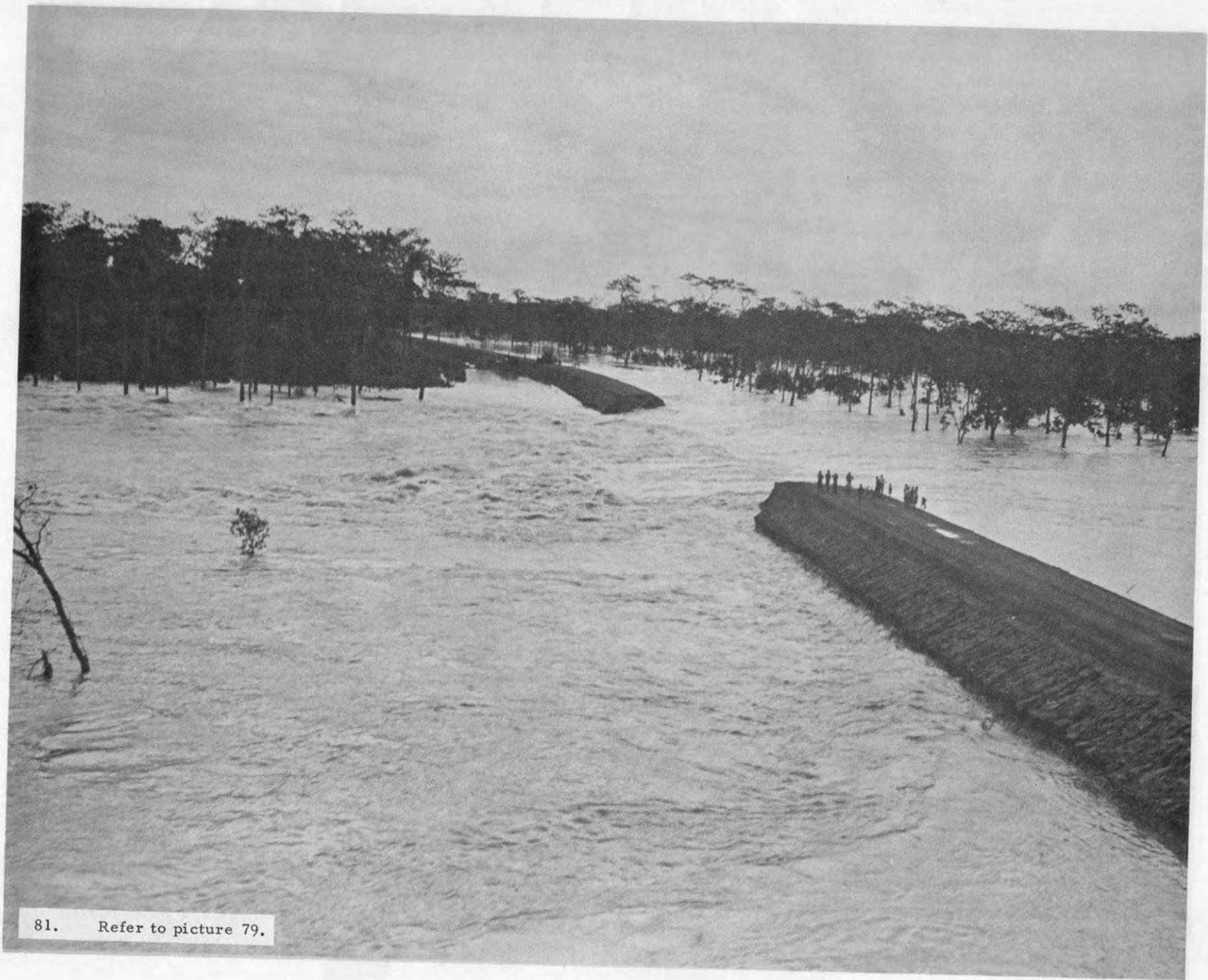
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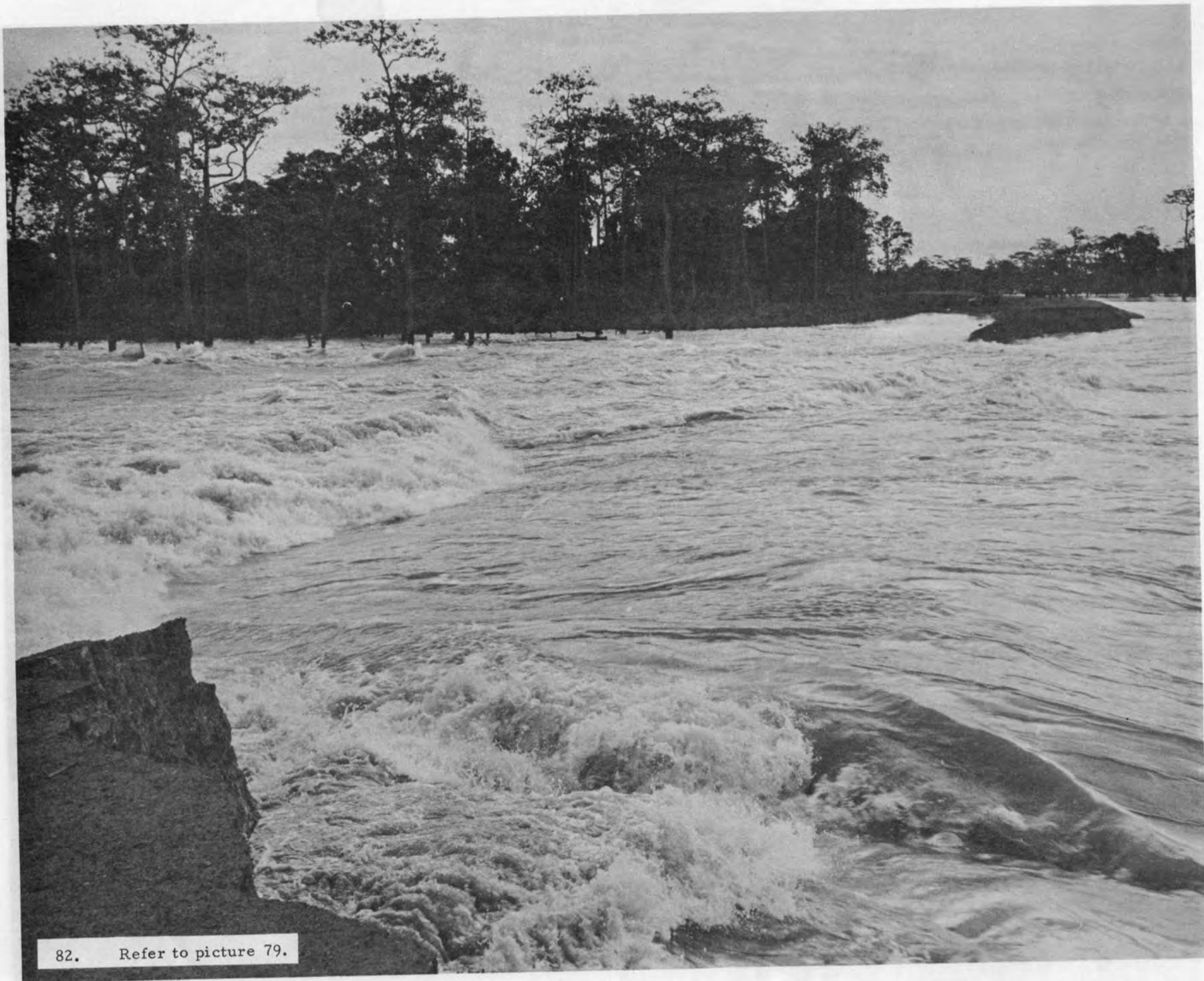
79. Aerial reconnaissance disclosed a lake of nearly 10 square kilometers backed up against a highway fill between Thangon and Nakhoun Noy, resulting from an overtaxed culvert. With the water 3.6 meters higher on the side away from Thangon, there was great pressure on the weakening fill, which might send a wall of water crashing down on the villages around Thangon. On August 31 it was decided to open a ditch across this road and let the water run out gradually. Within a few hours the lake had carved a section more than 100 meters long, and the waters had leveled off, flowing into the Nam Ngum river without causing more damage to villages and farms.



80. Refer to picture 79.



81. Refer to picture 79.



82. Refer to picture 79.



83. This was Wattay Airport, Vientiane, on the 11th day of the flood, when USAID resumed operations with STOL aircraft from the 1600 feet of the newly extended runway which stayed above water (nearest camera).



84. As a precaution against contamination of water supplies, water purification units were borrowed from U.S. armed forces in Thailand and set up at three strategically located points in Vientiane.



85. Beginning Monday, August 23, residents of USAID's KM-6 compound north of the city commuted to and from the office, the commissary, and the markets of Vientiane in 6x6 trucks. The road was under water. Here workers disembark on a rainy morning at the Na Hai Diao compound.