

THE 'MERICAN

'Merican he is funny man
He always buying all he can
He buy Lao arrow and Lao shield
He try to buy a Buddha wheel.
He buying that, he buying this
A Lao skirt, a Meo Kris,
And he will pay you beaucoup kip
He awful easy man to gyp.
I tell you this from what I hear
He call Lao junk his souvenir.

All 'Merican very rich, they say.
Then why he work the whole long day
while poor old Lao just sleep and play
I hear he smart as smart can be
But he no speak as good as me.
He so speak French, he no speak
In Lao he only say "Sam Bai"

USA they say is fine.
Enough to eat all the time.
I hear they have pave all the street
But why do this for dirty feet?
They got great village named New York
(I wonder if this just big talk)
Where hut is piled on hut so high,
Until it almost reach the sky.
They got no thatch or bamboo week
So these huts must be no good.
And when the monsoon comes around
I bet these huts will all fall down.
Maybe they have no plenty space
If all their house in this one place.

'Merican femme poor wife, I think
She no work much, just smoke and drink.
She got Chinois for wash and cook,
While she sit in shorts and read a book.
Or go to "Club", I think it's called
Where each one always cursing all
I think she sort of sick and weak.
Can't earry even little teak.
Of course she look pretty fine,
But she would make no wife of mine.

'Merican kids if sunny too,
He got wear big heavy shoe
But Lao child is strong and tough,
He go barefoot, don't care how rough.

Oh, he is most peculiar race,
He cook his water 'till it have no taste,
He never bathe in Mekong,
He no can dance a smooth "Lamvong"
I tell you this.. he waste beaucoup
By taking bath each day or two
He no eat chicken head or feet,
But throw away all that good meat.
Have you ever tasted 'Merican food?
I tell you this, it is no good.
They clean out all the dirt and germ,
They wash out even littlest worm
That's why their food is lacking zest
And Lao "Kaw Poun" is really best.

I tell you this, you will not believe
In his own house is to relieve!
In his own house it is t o vile,
Why every single Lao child
Goes squat in yard in proper style.

One thing he does I don't demean
He gives each other the vaccine.
He stick a long pin in his arm
It hurt a little, but no harm.
It's "Cop Chai Lai", I have no doubt
'Cause it lets the evil spirits out.

The 'Merican worry and he work,
He most peculiar man,
But me, I rest the whole day through
and just say "Bo-pen-yong".

Well soon we'll have all 'Merican dough
And we'll be rich and they'll be poor.
Then I'll visit New York for a year
And buy some 'Merican souvenirs.