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SUBJECT : Monthly Report Dong Hene Cluster July 1967.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS -

1. CDA Assistants Sompong and Outha spent three weeks training in Muong Pieng Cluster for the information program. They participated in the news gathering processes and followed the publication of one issue from beginning to end. Outha will now spend full time on the newspaper with Sompong coordinating efforts in Dong Hene. Our new Lao typewriter and Mimeograph machine arrived just in time. Leaflets from the Takhephone area have made their way to Muong Phalane during the last month. We hope that the Cluster Newspaper will reach many of the same readers.
2. The road from Seno to Dong Hene (rt. 9) is complete. It has been completely resurfaced and graded and with the exception of a few spots near Dong Hene it looks as though it will weather the rainy season in good shape. The section from Dong Hene to Muong Phalane is still in pretty rough shape.
3. The new Muong Office in Muong Phalane is about 40 percent complete with roofing and concrete floor finished. It is a two story building with provision for additions in years to come. The first floor will not be sided but can be at any future date provided more office space is needed. The rest house at the wat is finished and a new water seal will be installed. The market was opened this week with Col. Lee and Chao Muongs from both areas attending. Speeches were made by the Chao Muong of Phalane, Col. Lee and the CDA. We are now attempting to work out some system for keeping the market clean with villagers contributing the labor or paying someone to do the job.

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM

1. The footings have been poured for the Chao Muongs house yet there still exists some question as to the size that is really needed and what is feasible. Feet have been dragging as far as getting sites approved and plans for buildings given even a once over by the Khoueng Office. Officials at the Muong Level have also tended to keep themselves from becoming involved in decision making in matters that concern their own offices. Clearing ground for the new Office, despite efforts of the CDA failed to become a community project.