



FACTS

TEACHER TRAINING

A Project of the USAID Mission to Laos

PHOTOGRAPHS

At independence in 1954, there was one teacher training institution in Laos. This Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs was located in Vientiane and had an enrollment of 106 students. In 1973, there are nine teacher training institutions located throughout the country with an enrollment of 4,076 students. The increase in teacher training institutions is shown by year in Fig. 1. In 1973, the Ecole Superieure de Pedagogie (ESP), Vientiane, will grant the equivalent of a B. A. degree to the first group of teachers to complete college-level studies within the country. ESP students are trained to

teach in the secondary school system. Eight Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs (ENI) provide two-year and 4-year training programs for elementary school teachers.

USAID assistance was first directed toward construction of facilities for the teacher training institution in Vientiane which in 1959 moved to its present campus, Dong Dok. Beginning in 1962, USAID assistance broadened to include construction of teacher training institution in provincial centers. The location and program of the present eight ENI are shown in the following list:

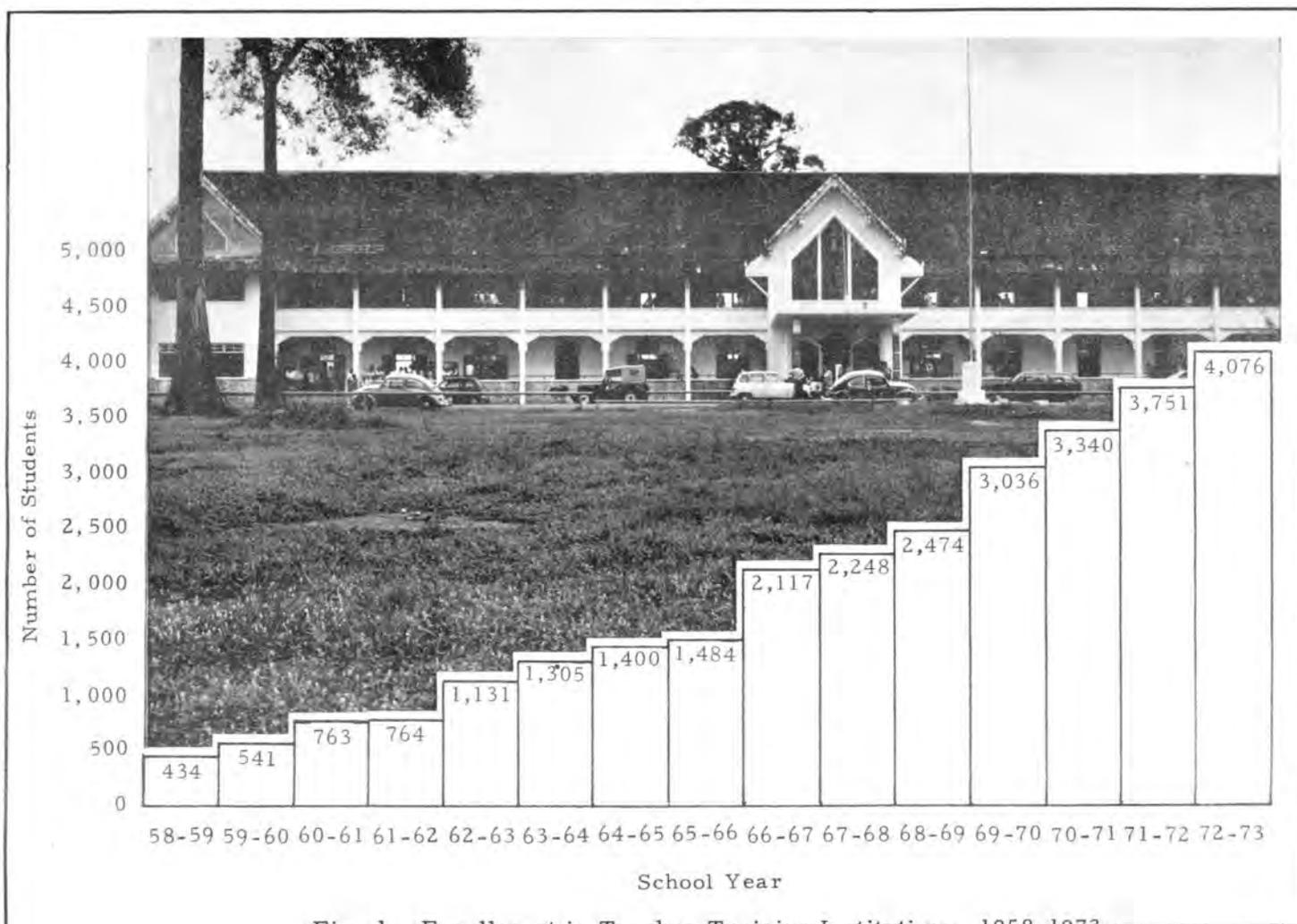


Fig. 1 - Enrollment in Teacher Training Institutions, 1958-1973.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Year School Established</u>	<u>Program</u>	
		<u>2-year</u>	<u>4-year</u>
Vientiane	1959		X
Luang Prabang	1962	X	X
Savannakhet	1968	X	X
Pakse	1962	X	X
Ban Keun	1968	X	
Vang Vieng	1966	X	
Sam Thong ^{a/}	1965	X	
Kene Thao	1968	X	

a/ Relocated on the Dong Dok Campus after the fall of Sam Thong to North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao forces in 1970.



ESP facilities at Dong Dok constructed with USAID assistance include

<u>Buildings</u>	<u>No.</u>
Classroom	12
Practical arts	5
Laboratory	4
Dormitory, women	2
Dormitory, men	12
Dispensary	1
Kitchens	2
Dining room	3
Faculty houses	9
Faculty apartments	24
Warehouse	1
Auditorium-Gymnasium	1



The ESP French section was established on the Dong Dok campus in 1959. This section is staffed primarily by French instructors and instruction is in French. In the English section, also established on the Dong Dok campus in 1959, instruction is in English. This section is staffed primarily by International Voluntary Services (IVS) instructors under contract with USAID. The Lao section, established in 1971, is for the preparation of teachers of Lao in secondary schools.

Year by year an increasing number of Lao teachers have become academically qualified for assignment to the faculties of teacher training institutions. Figure 2 compares Lao and foreign teaching and

administrative staff of the nine teacher training institutions over a 10-year period, 1962-1972. Foreign teaching personnel in these institutions have come from France, United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Thailand, India, Japan, and other countries.

USAID funding of the teacher training project, FY 1962-FY 1972, totals \$6,125,000. FY 1973 funding is estimated at \$307,200. These funds have been used primarily to cover the cost of construction to expand teacher training facilities, equipment and materials, technical advisory assistance, IVS instructors, and participant training in Thailand and in the United States for teachers and school administrators.



PHOTOS

Above left: Classroom building, College of Education (ESP), Dong Dok.

Left: Student teachers in library of College of Education at Dong Dok.

Upper right: Two classroom buildings, E. N. I., Luang Prabang

Right: Student teachers work on a school improvement project, E.N.I., Luang Prabang.



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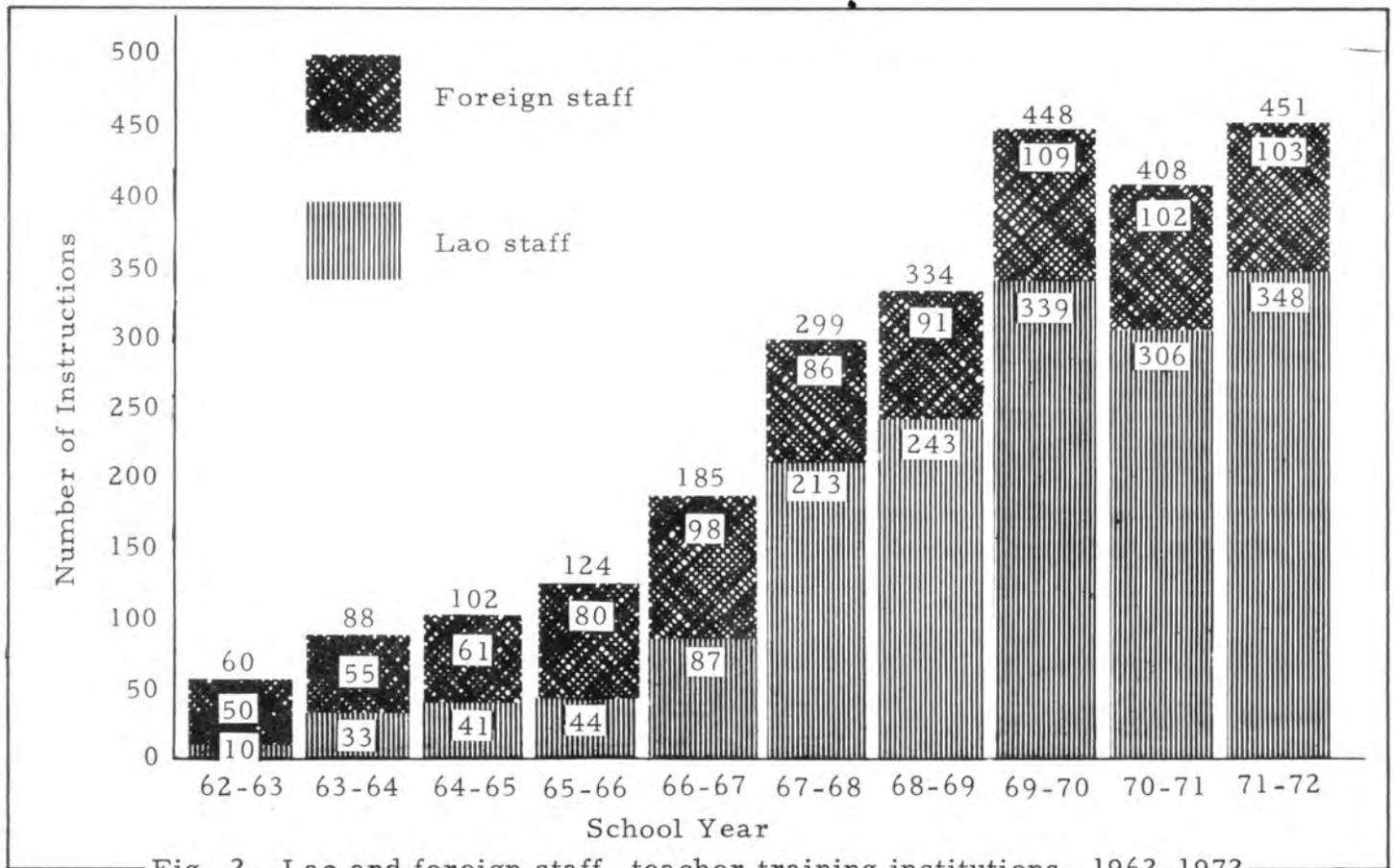


Fig. 2--Lao and foreign staff, teacher training institutions, 1962-1972



Above: Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs in Vang Vieng.
 Below: E. N. I. classrooms and office in Pakse.

