

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director

FROM : Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division

SUBJECT: Education Division Monthly Report, October, 1973

Refugee Schools

In MR II, the Sam Thong Teacher Training School, relocated at Ban Nam Moh, began classes and is now in full operation. Additional furniture for the school is being constructed at the Vientiane Technical School and assistance in developing school gardens and other activities is being provided.

The School Inspector for Xieng Khouang and his staff also completed their full relocation to Ban Xone. Plans are now being made to move the Sam Thong College (junior high school) from its temporary location at the Fa Ngum School in Vientiane to an as yet undetermined site in MR II.

Construction of 26 permanent classrooms for refugees in Thasano, Savannakhet, began this month.

Larry Woodson made field trips this month to Phong Hong, Ban Kean, Na Nhao, Paksane, Sayaboury, Xieng Lom, Hong Sa, Luang Prabang, and Ban Xone for the purpose of checking on refugee schools, supplies, and teacher assignments. Shipments of school supplies to refugee schools have also been made throughout the month.

Fa Ngum Pakse

Mr. Zane reports that the new Fa Ngum School in Pakse is in operation with 109 students and eight teachers. Furniture and books have been delivered, vegetable gardens have been planted, sports equipment is available, and other amenities continue to arrive. The students are presently using the home economics-agriculture building for classes but the first two-story classroom building will be completed soon.

School Construction

Two projects for the construction of self help *groupes scolaires* were completed this month -- one in Luang Prabang and the other in Ban Keun. Nine other urban schools are under construction, all of which are at least 65 per cent completed.

Construction of the Fa Ngum School in Luang Prabang is completed except for the installation of leaded glass, on order from the U.S., in one building and the correction of leaks in the water lines. Plans are being made to dedicate the school in January.

A teacher's cottage at the Fa Ngum School in Phou Hong was completed last month. The building was constructed by student labor under the direction of one of the industrial arts teachers.

In-Service Training

A three-month study program got underway at Dong Dok for the training of fourteen Lao teachers who teach Education courses at the ENIs. Thai and Lao instructors are conducting the course which is designed to improve instruction and materials in pedagogy classes as well as programs for practice teaching for future elementary school teachers.

EARP - Lao Language Curriculum Research Project

The Lao Language Curriculum research project, sponsored by RFD's East Asia Research Program, has been completed. The consultant Mr. James Chamberlain, has turned in his final report in English but the Lao translation of the report has not yet been received. The research project provided technical and material assistance for the establishment of a two-year program at the College of Education to train Lao Language teachers for secondary schools. The training program is continuing in its second year, under the sponsorship of the Ministry, with a total of about 25 students.

Educational Materials

Educational materials received in September and October:

CE-Refugees Reading P 1, Part One	20,000 copies
CE-Refugees Reading P 1, Part Two	20,000 copies
CE-Refugees Reading P-3	5,000 copies
SE Algebra/Geometry, Gr. 10	3,000 copies

Educational materials being printed:

CE-Refugees Reading P-2	10,000 copies
CE-Refugees Reading P-4	3,000 copies
CE-Refugees Reading P-5	2,000 copies
CE-Refugees Reading P-5	2,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-1	18,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-2	9,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-3	6,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-4	3,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-5	2,000 copies
CE-Refugees Arithmetic P-6	2,000 copies
CE-Refugees Geography P-4	6,000 copies
SE Social Studies, So Savat, Gr. 11	5,000 copies
SE Literature Mahosot, Gr. 11	5,000 copies
SE Literature Art of Friendship, Gr. 11	5,000 copies
SE Chemistry Gr. 11 (Vol. 1)	3,000 copies
SE Chemistry Gr. 11 (Vol. 2)	3,000 copies
SE Agriculture Sci. Conservation, Gr. 9	2,000 copies
SE Agriculture John Deere Tractor, Gr. 9	2,000 copies
SE Agriculture Swine Production, Gr. 9	3,000 copies
SE Agriculture Beef and Dairy Cattle	3,000 copies
SE Business Mathematics, Gr. 9	3,000 copies

Other Donors

An Australian government contribution of 1,000 cases of chalk for the high school system arrived this month. Some other school supplies from Australia are expected to arrive soon.

Four teachers from the normal schools and two other Ministry of Education employees left for France last month for nine months' training in science and mathematics instruction. Their scholarships were provided by the French government.

The American Women's Club has agreed to printing two instructional charts in Lao concerned with nutrition. The charts will be used in schools and for other purposes. The AWC also approved the purchase of some sports equipment for refugee schools and other institutions.

Personnel

Home Leave returnees:

Mr. Hartwell Blake - Hawaii Contract Agriculture Advisor - October 7
Miss Dorothy Heieie - Hawaii Contract Home Economics Advisor -
November 2

Mr. Soukane Souksamlane, office manager for the Community Education project, returned from one month's TDY in the United States where he attended the MIDS course at Syracuse University.

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