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Subject: Monthly Report for October, 1973
 Social Studies-English

Problem:

As we move into the seventh year of our Fa Ngum Project, a general curriculum problem emerges: How can we objectively assess the efficacy of our program? The baccalaureate examinations are due next June. What is the role of advisors in such significant activity?

Activities/Accomplishments

1. A luncheon-meeting of all English teachers at Fa Ngum Village was held at the AFA on October 10, 1973, to launch the new school year. Dr. Martin (Chairman), all Thai teachers and I participated. A "springboard" discussion of the curriculum system was held.
2. A great deal of time has been spent in written meetings with Director Somsak, curriculum advisor, to clarify procedures in curriculum development and implementation. The basic curricular confrontation was held in the department with the advisor and Director Somsak. The place in each of the Social Studies.
3. All curriculum areas have been reviewed and refining course sequences from grade seven through high school and assessing textbooks for each grade level.
4. Course sequence and textbook design for Thai and English are ready for almost all curriculum areas. These are ready for language check and final typing.
5. Consultation meetings have been held with Somsak, Dr. Martin and Mr. Ken H. Johnson, members of Studies publication.
6. Mimeographed copies of Thailand 165 have been sent to all Fa Ngum schools. Teachers and students should find this material timely to understand the curriculum in Thailand.

7. We obtained many negatives from the USIS Photo Department for inclusion in the text Savannakhet. GM developed them and so we should have the manuscript ready for typing soon.
8. Through Mr. Howard Hardy we have been able to receive on regular delivery basis the USIS News Bulletin (50 copies each in Lao and English) to be used in Social Studies and English classes.
9. Field trip to Savannakhet - October 21-31.
This was a follow-up trip on summer workshop.
Field trip report submitted after return to Vientiane.

Recommendations

None at this time, but I would like to raise a question: Is it possible for Dr. Collins to be charged with evaluation responsibilities after his arrival in January?

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