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TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division
FROM : James A. Bolman, Teacher Education Advisor
SUBJECT : Teacher Training Monthly Report For March, 1973

Problems:

No major items.

Activities:

The four large EMI schools held a conference to develop a 1973-74 school budget for each school. The Directors involved had a new experience in budget work. The end results will be available in printed form for presentation to the Director of Education for consideration. The purpose of the exercise was to inform the Ministry of the magnitude of the project. The training session was an effort to help the Lao administrator request funds from his own Ministry procedures. Many of the teacher training requirements have never been a part of his own budget.

The budget will also be of interest to the Ministry and may be considered sending participants. The budget gives the staff needs of each school by subject matter. It also provides for all Lao teaching staff.

In Luang Prabang EMI school the conference was held and is taking place. Training sessions are being held and are being carried out. The Lao staff are being trained and are carrying it out. A new focus is being placed on the school.

In Savannakhet EMI school the conference was held and is taking place. Training sessions are being held and are being carried out. The Lao staff are being trained and are carrying it out. A new focus is being placed on the school.

It is difficult to get practical work in the Industrial Arts program. It is not difficult to get the students to do practical work when the Headmaster wants something done.

In Pakse ENI school a training program to raise the floor in two boys' dormitory was conducted. The area around the lavatories are filled in with cement to keep the dirt from collecting. The drainage in the dorms was poor and very difficult to keep clean.

Where work or maintenance is needed at a school site, the question is asked, "How can the staff and students carry out the work?" Training is an essential step to help the staff train in sufficient skilled to direct student work programs. Teacher trainers and students are learning essential methods of maintaining school property. The program started in February is proving valuable where Lao staff are in charge. As yet at Dong Dok, the foreign staff make it impossible for student-staff cooperation.

Since the first work in January an AP to dig a deep well at Dong Dok has been in process. The existing pump has about seen its natural life, 90 days. The first week in April produced an AP to dig a well. A new pump is ordered as the back up pump as yet has not been removed because of a caved in casing. All indications are a new well in the New Year. Possibly we can try again at removing the pump, drive shaft and casing from the old well. Its life ended in December, 1972.

Mr. Robert Douglas, Vocational Education Advisor from USAID, arrived the last week in March. At the end of the first week in April, it is hoped to have a 5-year plan for the Director of Vocational Education. The Director was cancelled a trip to Pakistan to be able to meet with Mr. Douglas. Each day Mr. Khanphet has devoted several hours to the plans. Mr. Khanphet is a very interesting person and has a great deal of experience of his history and education.

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