

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 1973

TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, EDU

FROM : Miss Lee Engler, CEA/Program *L. Engler*

SUBJECT: Community Education Branch
Monthly Report for June 1973

Problems

No new significant problems.

Project Progress

1. Refugee Schools

Summer school classes have been organized for refugee children in several areas through the Summer Student Work Experience Program in cooperation with Primary School Inspectors

During the month of July many refugee teachers will participate in the MoE teach-train project to qualify CREC teachers as regular teachers. For other refugee activities, see Mr. Woodson's report.

2. Local In-Service Teacher Training

The Activity Proposal for National CREC and Refugee Teacher Training Courses in July, with 1,033 trainees and 105 instructors in twenty-five centers, received final clearance from PRO, OFIN, and OD on June 6. Copies of the AP were distributed to all personnel concerned. Most of the CU and local commodities selected for the training have been received, packed and processed for shipment, in cooperation with MoE. The 202 forms were completed and submitted to OFIN, with cashier assistance requirements identified and requested. Copies of a letter from Tiao Vannitha, Deputy Director for Training in the Primary Education Department, were forwarded to all Primary School Inspectors and to other personnel involved with the courses, to explain modifications in the number of personnel assigned to each center, to clarify new procedures for securing local commodities, and to provide other information.

The Director of Primary Education has appointed two teachers from the Home Economics School to participate in the workshop to be conducted at Fa Ngum School, Vientiane, August 20-31, primarily to improve methods of teaching home economics.

3. Participant Training

Four participants returned to Thailand to begin their third year of study as subject matter specialists, one each in mathematics, science, industrial arts, and agriculture. Two others departed to begin study at Mahasarakham in social studies and language arts; the prescribed courses offered in the latter curriculum are being reappraised with HRDD/PT for suitability and possible shift of major field.

Six manuals were prepared in Lao language by the Supervision and Testing Trainees, while in Thailand, on the following subjects: Educational Program and Policy, Educational Supervision, Personnel Administration, Special School Services, Constructing Objective Type Tests, Modern Mathematics.

A preliminary review of the materials was made with Mr. Colman, Teacher Training to consider them for possible use in the teacher training curriculum, as well as in in-service training projects.

4. Curriculum Activities

Mr. Moua Lia, Primary School Inspector/Xieng Khouang, returned from nine months' study at Innotech on programmed teaching in mass primary education. He is preparing the Lao language version of the report on the programmed teaching project and will present it for discussion at the next national conference of primary school inspectors. Mr. Moua Lia mentioned that Innotech wants him to serve on the staff full-time as the representative from Laos. Innotech operations are to be established soon in Saigon, as originally planned.

Mr. Khantanh Chanthala, newly-named Rector of Sisavangvong University, Mr. Sounthong Khamsingsavath, Deputy Director of Primary Education, and Mr. Thanh Phromsavanh, also of the Primary Education Department, attended a one-week program evaluation and planning seminar, sponsored by SEAMEO.

At the request of the Chief/EDU in cooperation with PHD, Lao textbooks in hygiene and home economics, as well as lesson plans for a set of health charts, were reviewed for content related to instruction against eating raw foods, particularly raw fish. Selections of content were submitted to the Chief/EDU.

Revision of Geography, Grade four, was completed and the manuscript forwarded to Communications Media to process for printing.

5. Construction *

	No. of <u>APs</u>	No. of <u>Schools</u>	Number of Classrooms		Number of Classrooms		<u>Total</u>
			New Grades <u>1-3</u> <u>4-6</u>	Replace Grades <u>1-3</u> <u>4-6</u>			
Rural Self-Help	34	64	78	19	70	32	197
CE (Urban)	10	10	40	40	-	-	80
Refugees:	<u>10</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>126</u>
	54	123	215	62	83	45	405

* From Tom Liston, Maintenance Advisor, and Soukane Souksamlane, CE Administrative Assistant.

6. Personnel

Mr. Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National, departed post for HL June 4. Mr. Larry Woodson returned from HL June 5 and resumed his duties as CEA/Refugees. Mr. Richard Costantino, CEA/Operations, departed post June 17 on TDY/Washington. Mr. Hounpheng Savatphonh, CE Administrative Assistant, was terminated June 25 for irregularities in handling commodities.

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