

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National August 1, 1972
FROM : Miss Lee Engler, CEA/Program
SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July 1972

Problems

No new significant problems not reported previously.

Project Progress

The MoE completed the third year of its project, supported by USAID, to qualify CREC teachers; 858 teachers participated in first-, second-, and third-year training programs. Primary School Inspectors organized and managed their training courses in a more responsible and confident manner. The instructors who were previously trained this year in special courses brought substantial improvement in the quality of teaching content, method, and materials, such as broader and more skillful use of Lao language textbooks in demonstration teaching, preparation and use of simple teaching aids in practice teaching, construction and use of objective tests, and more effective trainee participation in learning activities. Course directors have requested classes for CREC instructors be conducted again in 1973; the CEA is in agreement with this request and suggests that criteria for admitting teachers to the program and certain other provisions be reviewed at the annual PSI/CEA planning conference.

Courses for 70 groupe scolaire directors in Houei Sai and Savannakhet also showed improvement, mainly generated by former participants to Thailand, in supervision and testing, serving on the instructional staff. Their classes, taught with enthusiasm as well as interest, concerned topics such as human relations, project organization, self-discipline, test construction, skills and attitudes in the language arts curriculum, and functions of the supervisor. When they were not teaching, they usually observed classes of other instructors and worked with them.

With very good cooperation and assistance from ACs and their staffs, the CEA reviewed training courses in Sayaboury, Houei Sai, Savannakhet, Kengkok, Thakhek, and Pakse. The help from OFIN, in particular the office of the Chief Cashier and field cashiers, continued outstanding.

Primary Education has continued training of twenty supervisor and testing trainees with assistance of personnel from the Teacher Training Department. In addition to their regular instructional program, the trainees study Thai language daily in a special class organized by HRD/LT; they have made thirteen field trips to schools and other points

of interest, with MTB cooperation; they have had twenty films from USIS, with showings arranged in the evenings by the Tourist Office. A program of instruction for their six-month training in Thailand, scheduled to begin September 11, has been received by HRD/PT from the Local Training Office, USOM/Thailand. This year's program gives excellent information on specific studies, practical training activities, test and lesson plan preparation and also a list of reference materials to be supplied to each trainee; the program seems to respond very well to the PIO/P.

Additional results on the sixth grade final examination are as follows:

(See June Report)

PSI Area	School Year 1970-71			School Year 1971-72			
	No. Tested	No. Passed	% Passing	No. Tested	No. Passed	% Passing	% Increase/Decrease
Borikhane	431	320	74	486	248	51	-23
Khammouane	552	420	76	676	412	61	-15
Savannakhet	1,124	921	82	1,219	742	61	-21
Sayaboury	475	349	73	528	282	53	-20
Sedone	1,360	1,058	78	1,005	569	51	-27
Xiang Khouang	441	271	61	427	274	64	+3
Phone Hong	408	319	78	574	226	39	-39
Ban Keun	521	366	70	595	414	70	-1
Paklay	526	330	63	561	287	51	-12
Nongbok	221	187	85	211	104	49	-35
Kengkok	765	509	67	856	387	45	-21
Sithandone	410	307	75	385	329	96 *	+21

*Under study

For the report on the 1972 Conference of Primary School Inspectors, the CEA Assistant has transcribed all notes, the draft has been edited by the CEA, and stencils are being typed.

In Primary Education projects, students in the summer work program have continued their assistance in preparing literacy materials, tabulating sixth grade test item responses, rehabilitating schools, and conducting classes for refugee children.

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