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SUBJECT : Education Monthly Report for July, 1972

Problems

No significant problems noted this reporting period.

Progress

In-Service Training

The CEA spent most of the month working with in-service training programs throughout the country. CREC training programs for first year were visited in the following locations: Sayaboury, Champassak, Wapikhamthong (Pakse), Khammouane, Savannakhet, Kengkok, and Sedone. Second year programs were held in Kengkok and Wapikhamthong (Pakse) and third year in Khammouane. Directors of Groupes Scolaires conferences were held in Houei Sai and Savannakhet. A detailed report of each workshop can be found under each PSI area.

FY73 Urban School Construction

School sites have been chosen in four of the five places for the construction of eight room buildings for Khammouane, Sedone, Savannakhet and Luang Prabang. Because of insecurity the site for Wapikhamthong has not been selected.

Groupes Scolaires Improvement

The PSIs and Directors of the groupes scolaires where improvements will be made during the summer months have been notified to begin work on the lime washing of the interiors of the schools. All have promised to get the work completed before the opening of the school year in September.

Disposal of Non-expendable Equipment

All PSI areas have turned in non-expendable equipment which has been approved for disposal by USAID. The warehousemen have also been instructed to update the inventory cards for these items so that their inventories are up to date.

FY73 Rural Self-help School Construction Projects

APs are presently being compiled for FY 73 rural self-help projects. Meetings were held with Directors of schools, Phobans, Chao Muongs, etc. and final meetings in the khueng offices to determine priorities on construction with CRA assistance.

Luang Prabang

The CEA attended a khueng meeting to determine schools needed for refugee areas. Priority was given to 30 temporary classrooms for Na Lao, Xieng Meng, Pak Mout, Kieu Ya, and Houei Hia. Twenty-five classrooms were also selected for FY73 rural self-help construction at the following sites: Ban Thine, Pak See, Na Line, Song Thay, Song Neua, Ba That, That Teng, Ban Ou and Houei Khang.

Meetings were held with the PTAs of five groupes scolaires in the city of Luang Prabang. The PTA of Sithane Groupe Scolaire agreed to complete the school by September 15th. They are presently white-washing the insides of the rooms, varnishing, and completing the doors and windows. The work still remaining is construction of the railings and using local lumber to cover the overhangs on the building.

The FY72 Urban Self-help school being constructed at Sithane Groupe Scolaire is 90% completed.

The PSI complained that school supplies were not arriving and that they should be distributed prior to August 15th for the opening of the school year. The CEA assured him that he will check with the MoE and make every effort to get the supplies there on time.

The CREC training at Sayaboury was very successful. Local supplies were purchased with the assistance of the Director of the workshop and no problems were being encountered. The Directors of Groupes Scolaires workshop at Ban Houei Sai also had no problems. Mr. Sage, CDAA assisted with the workshop being held at Nam You for the refugee teachers.

Savannakhet

The CREC workshop began with no problems but when the teachers were told that they would not be allowed to continue as CREC teachers if they failed two years in a row, twenty-seven of them quit the workshop. Four days later fourteen of them returned after having second thoughts about it. The workshops in Kengkok were very successful as was the Directors of Groupes Scolaires conference in Savannakhet City.

Construction has started on the sixteen rooms for the refugee schools at Thasano Refugee Camp and eight rooms at That Ing Hang. They should be ready by the opening of the school year in September. Over 500 refugees from Savannakhet have been resettled in Kengkok. The CEA will work with the ORA representative there to determine how many classrooms will be needed for them.

The CE Urban self-help school for FY72 at Nake Groupe Scolaire is 70% completed.

Pakse:

The four workshops held for CREC teachers in Pakse City progressed without any serious problems. Local supplies for the Wapikhamthong, Sedone and Champassak workshops were purchased in Pakse City.

Status of CE Urban School Construction is as follows:

CE 0108	Thahai School	97%
CE 1005	Done Talat Groupe Scolaire	48%
CE 2010	Pakse Groupe Scolaire	20%
SE 2003	Khong Sedone College	Suspended

Cement blocks are presently being made for the Khong Sedone College. Presently there are 8,000 blocks already made.

A survey was completed on the number of refugee children in the Phou Ba Chieng Refugee Camp. A total of 667 children are in ten villages of the camp and classrooms will be constructed for them when the CEA and ORA representative decide on which villages will be chosen for the schools.

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