

TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/N August 8, 1972  
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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July 1972

Problems:

Slow delivery of locally purchased lumber for permanent refugee school construction. Over three months have elapsed since the contract was written.

Project Progress:

The SSWP students are in their second month of teaching in the refugee schools. They are teaching Lao language, math and French according to their schedule as assigned by the primary school inspectors. The popularity of the program can be measured by the number of students attending classes. With few exceptions, every teacher had so many students that they were forced to use double sessions. The breakdown of SSWP volunteer teachers in this reporters area is as follows:

<u>PSI District</u>	<u>SSWP volunteers</u>
Ban Keun	11
Phone Hong	21
Xieng Khouang	15
Borikhane (Paksane)	1
Vientiane/North	18
Vientiane/South	17
Total	83

An activity plan for construction of additional temporary classrooms on the Vientiane Plain is being circulated for approval. These classrooms will be constructed in relocation areas where there is neither a permanent school under construction nor existing temporary classrooms.

In-service training programs for CREC/Refugee teachers ended this month. See Engler's report for details.

USIS movies were shown at three locations during the month. Movies were selected that were current, educational and entertaining. They were shown to the CREC/Refugee teachers at the in-service training center at Sanakham and to the refugees at Nam Phot III and Hong Yang .

The movies were well attended and the village sentiment was excellent. Primary school inspectors attending the movies asked if a schedule could be set up whereby the movies could be shown to all the school children. The Chao Muong at Phone Hong asked if they could be shown some evening in the Phone Hong Market area.

This advisor feels that more emphasis should be given to producing good Lao movies. Since there are no movie theaters in the rural areas, movies are always well attended by the entire population. Well made movies could be used effectively to educate the rural population in the fields of agriculture, health, planned parenthood, etc...

Refugee school supplies, textbooks, etc, are currently being packaged by the Ministry of Education for distribution to the provinces. These supplies are scheduled to arrive prior to the opening of all the primary schools in September. Registration starts on August 16th and school will commence on September 5th.

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