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Subject: December, 1972, Monthly Report


PROBLEMS

No problems are being brought forward this month for consideration.

PROGRESS

This monthly report begins a new format with two attachments in the form of monthly reports on field operations by John Rantala and on curriculum center operation by Jane Fultz.

1. There has been steady progress in the construction, inspection and follow-through of site and school plant development.

2. Curriculum and textbook development has begun to move forward again with five books submitted to USAID/GI during the month.

3. Several summary reports covering three or six month periods were included in this last monthly report of the eleventh semi-annual report period.

CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

Hawaii team personnel based in Vientiane have assisted Hawaii team advisors and RIG directors at the project school sites in Phone Hong, Savannakhet, Luang Prabang and Pakse during the past three months: October - December, 1972, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Phone Hong</u>	<u>Savannakhet</u>	<u>Luang Prabang</u>	<u>Pakse</u>
10/2		J. Rantala		
10/10-12	D. Heleia			
10/16-19, 20	H. Blake	W. Rankin		
10/16-19		J. Rantala		
10/24-26	H. Blake	I. Kumabe		L. Butler
10/25				J. Rantala
1/2		L. Butler		
1/2		J. Rantala		
1/16	L. Butler			
1/16	J. Rantala			
1/9		L. Butler		
1/9		J. Rantala		
1/1-5		H. Blake		
1/13-16		H. Blake		
1/17			L. Butler	
1/30	L. Butler			

12/1	L. Butler		L. Butler
12/5-8		J. Rantala	
12/5-8	L. Butler	W. Rankin	
12/12-15		I. Kumabe	
12/14	H. Blake		
12/28-30	D. Heieie		

These visits represent about 55 work-days or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  man-months in advisory services.

**TEXTBOOK PUBLICATION:**

A summary of textbook production for the Fa Ngum project by fiscal years (FY) is as follows: Figures are total pages and figures in parenthesis are number of books.

Subject Area	FY68	FY69	FY70	(7/71-6/72)		FY73A	Total
				FY71	FY72		
Lao Language	0	0	120(1)	475(2)	0	788(3)	2,883(6)
Social Studies	0	0	135(1)	0	282(1)	281(3)	698(5)
Science	0	0	137(1)	0	774(7)	0	911(8)
Mathematics	0	0	101(1)	0	208(1)	313(1)	622(3)
Agriculture	0	0	140(1)	0	178(1)	245(1)	563(3)
Business	0	0	198(2)	333(2)	128(1)	143(1)	602(6)
Home Economics	0	0	0	56(1)	165(1)	146(1)	367(3)
Industrial Arts	0	0	91(1)	0	182(1)	333(3)	606(5)
Totals:							
Pages:	0	0	922	864	1917	2249	5,952
Books:	0	0	(8)	(5)	(13)	(13)	(39)

The following books are currently (Dec 31, 1972) at the printer or USAID/EM for bidding procedures:

1. Business 11: Accounting I, 340 pages, 3,000 copies
2. Social Studies 12: Lac Astronomy, 153 pages, 6,000 copies
3. Industrial Arts 10: Machining Metals, 91 pages, 3,000 copies
4. Science 10: Biology, 280 pages, 6,000 copies
5. Agriculture: Horticulture, 250 pages, 2,000 copies
6. Business 10: Advanced Lao Typing, 62 pages, 2,000 copies
7. Business 9: Adding Machine Operation, 48 pages, 2,000 copies

Books: 7      Pages: 1,220      Copies: 24,000

The following books have been approved by the Royal Academy and the RIG Ministry of Education and are being given final corrections:

1. Social Studies 10: Lao History, 180 pages, 6000 copies
2. Industrial Arts 10: Bench Metals, 91 pages, 3000 copies
3. Industrial Arts 10: Sheet Metals, 61 pages, 3000 copies
4. Business 12: Accounting II, 300 pages, 2000 copies

Books: 4      Pages: 632      Copies: 14,000

STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

Participant trainees from Thailand will again return in larger numbers during March - September, 1973, in time to begin service in Fa Ngum project schools in October, 1973. Most of the participants listed below will receive the Associate (2-year college) degree.

<u>PIO/P</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>1973 Return Date</u>
30040	Miss Souphaphone	Social Studies	Prasarnmitr	September
10326	Mr. Bourma	Social Studies	Pathumwan	September
10394	Miss Xayboury	Social Studies	Pranakorn	March
20046	Mr. Nippon	Mathematics	Prasarnmitr	September
20270	Miss Sengchanh	Mathematics	Pranakorn	March
10331	Mr. Bounkong	Science	Pathumwan	September
10390	Mr. Outhong	Science	Suan Sunantha	March
10228	Miss Savangfa	Home Economics	Suan Dusit	March
10229	Miss Saysavath	Home Economics	Suan Dusit	March
10327	Mr. Souvannaseng	Industrial	Bangkok Tech.	May
10329	Mr. Khamphanh	Industrial	Bangkok Tech.	May
10330	Mr. Nouanta	Industrial	Bangkok Tech.	May
20041	Miss Sommaile	Business	Bangkok Tech.	May
20042	Mr. Bountanh	Business	Bangkok Tech.	May
20043	Mr. Thonglay	Business	Bangkok Tech.	May
10051	Mr. Tandy	Agriculture	Bangpra	May
20200	Mr. Boun Oum	Agriculture	Bangpra	May
20201	Mr. Phongsavath	Agriculture	Bangpra	May
20202	Mr. Thongkhoun	Agriculture	Bangpra	May
10387	Mr. Soun	Agriculture	Chiangmai AGR	May
10388	Mr. Linh	Agriculture	Chiangmai AGR	May

Summarizing the Thai participant returnees entering teaching in October, 1972, with this new group to enter teaching in October, 1973, by subject area, we anticipate the following:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>October 1972</u>	<u>October 1973</u>	<u>Two-year Total</u>
Social Studies	4	3	7
Mathematics	2	2	4
Science	2	2	4
Home Economics	0	2	2
Industrial Arts	3	3	6
Business	1	3	4
Agriculture	2	6	8
Totals:	14	21	35

In addition to these returning participants, we anticipate several Bachelor (4-year college) degree returnees as well as 10 math/science and 28 social studies/English graduates of the English section (grade 13) at Dong Dok to be available for teaching lower secondary grades.

We anticipate a cooperative practice-teaching session in-country during the Lao third trimester (April - June, 1973) for those participants returning in March and May, 1973. Those returning in September, 1973, will have completed practice teaching in Thailand.

Attempts by in-service teachers to do satisfactory work in the HRDD/LT pre-university training program resulted in the following teachers being dropped from the program:

Mr. Plang Saisongkham - Fa Ngum Savannakhet  
Mr. Thongdeng Douangmala - Fa Ngum Savannakhet  
Mr. Siphan Panya - Fa Ngum Phone Hong

The major difficulties of these potential participants is their inability to receive instruction in the Thai language and their relatively low academic background.

We anticipate naming potential candidates for Ministry of Education nomination no later than April 15, 1973, so that all potential candidates can receive three months of intensive Thai language training (June 15 - September 15) after which they must achieve a minimum score on a Thai language test to be eligible for pre-university training from October, 1973 to April, 1974, again they must achieve minimum scores on periodic examinations to be eligible for scholarships.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

An effort to inform the international education community about the Fa Ngum Comprehensive High School Project through writing of articles has been relatively successful in publication of the following articles authored by Chief of Party Lucius Butler:

"Lao Secondary Education Enrollment Review" in Malaysia Journal of Education, Vol 9, No. 1, June, 1972.

"U.S. Educators in Laos" (News Column) in Phi Delta Kappan, Vol 54, No. 2, October, 1972.

"Secondary Education in Laos" in International Education, Vol 11, No. 1, Fall, 1972.

Two other articles have been acceptable for publication during 1973 pending rewriting and editing:

"Lao Secondary Education: Ten Years After The Royal Lao Education Reform Act" to be published in Malaysia Journal of Education, Vol 10, No. 1, June, 1973.

"Secondary Education Growth Factors in a Developing Country" to be published in the UNESCO International Review of Education in September or December, 1973.

Several other articles have been submitted to other U.S., regional and international journals for editorial consideration. All articles are cleared by USAID/Laos in accordance with the contract provisions.

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