

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, EDU                      DATE: November 3, 1972

FROM : James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor

SUBJECT: Teacher Training Monthly Report for October, 1972

Problems

No significant problems to report.

Progress

On October 2, 1972, the Teacher Training Schools began a new year. On the first day science laboratories were used, and students were, for the most part, in attendance. Last year, some classes were started several weeks late. It helps having administrators assigned to the same school for continuous years in order to improve operation.

During a trip to Kene Thao, a plastic water line was installed from the water tower to the kitchen. Mr. Thanh worked with the staff in using the new textbooks. All of the Fa Ngum books have been delivered to Kene Thao

A trip to Pakse with Mr. Phansy, Mr. Thanh, and a custodian from Dong Dok allowed training and demonstrations at the ENI school. Mr. Liston was able to spend a limited time at this campus. An agreement was made to set January as the month to attack the many needs of Pakse ENI. It was determined that an adequate drainage system for the entire campus is essential.

Mr. Cornelis Keur is investigating Dong Dok's water history and the existing facilities. With the next month's report, a submission (with recommendations) will be made regarding the history and the present situation.

Lighting struck twice in one night, striking two separate poles at Dong Dok. One strike burned out the fuses and a 60 KW transformer on the pole. The maintenance staff at Dong Dok had shut down the pumping of water because of the electrical storm. Soon after this, a bolt of lightning struck near the main water pump and burned out a circuit breaker inside the pump house. Within 24 hours the transformer was replaced. USAID assisted in furnishing

new high voltage fuses and a back up circuit breaker was installed. Investigation was made as to why lightning arresters had not been installed on the high voltage lines. It was found that the power company did not have any arresters, USAID does not have any arresters available for project use. With the weather conditions in the Vientiane valley, lightning arresters are expensive but not as expensive as 60 KW transformers.

A fuse burned out on one phase of the power at KM-6 on Friday evening, Oct. 27. The power went off at KM-9 and the staff rushed down to the main water pump. It was running on 2 phases of power. The 2 phases made the 3 phase motor extremely hot and within a matter of minutes the main pump had burned out. The extra events in utility operation are extremely time consuming and costly on the Teacher Training budget. There is just no way to anticipate the many different problems when making out yearly budgets.

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