

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division Date: Sept. 5, 1972
FROM : James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor
SUBJECT: Teacher Training Monthly Report for August, 1972

Problems

No significant problems to report.

Progress

Mr. James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor, returned from home leave August 20th, 1972.

Progress of the summer work program was inspected at Ban Keun, Vang Viang and EN-9 and was found satisfactory. The work plan for the program is in progress. The summer work by the students is a valuable preventive maintenance program.

On August 11, 1972, the typing class for rural secretaries working for the MoE in rural schools completed the vacation training program. The student secretaries final test results were given to the Teacher Training Department of the MoE. The final test given measured typing speed only. The training class did not have sufficient time to include the many other skills essential to develop a competent secretary. Next year's in-service training program will include training to bring the same students back next summer to offer some of the training needed. For example:

1. Simple typewriter maintenance and repair.
2. Techniques in use of Lao government forms.
3. Methods of proper Lao letter writing.
4. Continued development of typing skills, speed and accuracy.

ENI completed installation of the new water pump in the main well at Jong Dok. The work order requested installation of a second pump in the backup well. However, this was postponed as it would eliminate any available spare parts.

One generator previously located at Luang Prabang was transported to Vientiane for inspection, before it was relocated at the Savannakhet ENI. Wind damage at the Savannakhet ENI damaged not only 2 poles but the one existing generator.

A monthly struggle continues to keep the operation going and we seldom have the opportunity to accomplish educational progress. This month the start of a new 2 year program is in operation. The purpose of the change is to create better Lao teachers in grades 1-2 and 3. Language instruction is reduced and basic three "R" s are expanded. Even though the ENI will still have the same uneducated teaching staff, the new curriculum is a step in the right direction.