

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 30, 1972

TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National
FROM : Miss Lee Engler, CEA/Program
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 1972

Problems

No new significant problems not reported previously.

Project Progress

The training course for fifteen supervisors and five testing trainees has continued; the Deputy Director of Primary Education transferred the group to Na Hai Diao Groupe Scolaire, following the close of the Teacher Training Center at Dong Dok. All bio-data information has been submitted to HRD/LT, and medical examinations are being completed, in preparation for the trainees to study six-months in Thailand.

Workshops for more than 1,000 CREC and Refugee teachers are scheduled to begin July 1. A brief explanation of the Ministry program to qualify CREC teachers; course outlines for first, second, third, and fourth-year trainees; and a proposed schedule of visits by CEAs and other pertinent information was prepared at the request of the CEA/National and distributed to Area Coordinators and CDAs to increase understanding of the in-service training project and its objectives. Subsistence forms were completed and payments will be facilitated through field stations by the Cashier's Office.

National thirty-day courses for seventy groupe scolaire directors will be held in Houei Sai and Savannakhet. The course outlines, prepared by former participants under the direction of the Deputy Director of Primary Education, emphasize supervision and testing, a further utilization of their training in Thailand. Four of the participants have been assigned as instructors in the courses; the others will assist PSIs in the CREC workshops.

Results available to-date on the sixth grade final examination are as follows:

PSI Area	School year 1970-71			School year 1971-72			
	No. Tested	No. Passed	% Passing	No. Tested	No. Passed	% Passing	% Decrease
Vientiane/S	1736	1395	80	2408	1520	63	17
Vientiane/N	1414	1228	86	1570	1135	72	14
Houa Phanh	350	271	77	419	222	53	24
Vang Vieng	116	94	81	82	37	45	36
Luang Prabang	999	652	65	1296	636	49	16

An analysis of the examination and of the complete test results will be considered with counterparts and reported at a later date. At the request of the Primary School Inspector, Vientiane/North, four students in the SSWP project will help to tabulate response to individual test items in an initial attempt to evaluate the examination and also to reflect subject matter teaching effectiveness. (Mr. Khampheui, PSI/Vte/N, was among the five officials who conferred with Thai educators on test procedures in 1970. See May report.)

Additional Division SSWP activity with Earl Goodyear of IVS is centered on requests from PSIs of Vte/N, Vte/S, Xieng Khouang, and Phone Hong for 119 students to teach summer courses for refugee students. Among those interviewed, approximately 75 students have been tentatively accepted by the CEA/Refugees. Nine students have been selected to assist the Ministry Literacy project with artwork, translations, and writing content material. Fa Ngum Secondary Schools have accepted twelve students to assist Fa Ngum/Vientiane in typing textbook manuscripts, and library book processing, also to construct a Lao model house at Phone Hong for home economics projects.

A report on this year's Conference for Primary School Inspectors, being prepared with the CE staff, will include the agenda, summary of speeches and question-answer sessions, committee recommendations on revision of the language arts curriculum and primary school regulations, as well as highlights of education status reports given by each primary school inspector.

EDU/CE:LMEngler:mv