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SUBJECT : Education Monthly Report for June, 1972

### Problems

No significant problems noted this reporting period.

### Progress

#### Refugee Schools

A survey is being made by summer students to determine number of classrooms needed for refugee children in the Pakse area. Results will be sent to Vientiane upon completion of the survey.

Refugee statistics for the Savannakhet area were obtained and submitted to ORA. A survey is being conducted during the summer months to determine how many more classrooms will be needed at Thasano Refugee Camp for the 1972-73 school year. Construction on the 16 temporary classrooms has not started but the refugees will begin cutting lumber at the beginning of next month.

### General

#### In-Service Training

The CEA met with all PSIs in the southern provinces to make final arrangements for the summer workshops. CREC workshops are being held as follows: First year in Pakse, Wapikhamthong, Champassak, Savannakhet, Kengkok and Thakhek; second year in Wapikhamthong and Kengkok; and the third year workshop will be held in Thakhek. The Directors of the Groupes Scolaires will hold their annual conference in Savannakhet. All PSIs are presently working with their staffs to prepare teaching schedules, materials needed for their teaching, etc.. The lists of local supplies needed will be submitted at a later date since most PSIs wish to determine which items will be made during the workshops. Rice will be distribute to the CREC teachers along with meat and noodles or Carnation Instant Breakfasts and dry non-fat milk. The CEA submitted his schedule for per diem payments and promise of assistance with common use items which will be arriving soon.

#### Participant Follow-up

Five teaching supervisors who were trained in Vientiane and

Thailand for one year are presently awaiting their arratés from the MoE so that they can begin their new duties in the 1972-73 school year. Each supervisor has been issued a motorcycle, POL and a Lao typewriter. All have desks in their PSI offices. They have promised to send reports on their work from April thru June. The motorcycle assigned to the Wapikhamthong supervisor was damaged when he gave the motorcycle to his assistant to be driven to Savannakhet at the time the enemy took over the city of Khong Sedone.

#### Summer Student Work Experience Programs

Two IVS/EDU teachers are supervising summer work experience programs for students in their areas. It was not determined how many students would be hired in Savannakhet until the job descriptions for the Pakse area in various fields.

#### CE Urban Self-help Construction

The two schools in Palse and Savannakhet are progressing nicely. The PSIs still complain of not being able to get reimbursements for RIG funds they spend locally. The Director of Primary Education has assured USAID/EDU that the balances for both areas will be sent next week.

#### Excessive Use of Oil in PSI Jeeps

A survey was performed on vehicles assigned to the PSIs in the southern provinces. The report shows that jeeps over five years old belonging to Kengkok, Thakhek and Nong Bok are using an excessive amount of approximately two extra liters of 30 weight oil per month. All PSIs have requested assistance with the issuance of 90 weight oil needed for gear shafts and rear axles. Recommend that no action be taken to increase allowance until arrival of new vehicles for PSIs.

#### FY 73 Rural Self-help Construction

The PSIs report that the khouengs in their areas are having meetings soon to determine how many classrooms will be built in FY73 and where. The PSIs have already met with principals, Nai Bans, Chao Muongs, etc.. to select school sites. The CEA will meet with CDB personnel to determine how CRA will take over more of the school construction projects and how furniture, toilets, etc.. will be provided.

#### Audit Deficiencies

Sewing machines and bicycles scheduled for disposal have already been shipped to Vientiane from Champassak and Savannakhet. The

PSIs of Kengkok, Thakhek, Nong Bok, Pakse and Sithandone are presently gathering their items to be shipped.

#### Groupes Scolaires Improvements

The APs for improvement of groupes scolaires in the Pakse area have already been approved. Work will begin this summer by the PTA and villagers to paint the schools. USAID will provide the necessary commodities when their work is completed. The APs for Chomkeo, Nong Bok and Thakhek are awaiting signatures and will be forwarded to Vientiane soon.

#### Other Donors

The American Women's Club is distributing a third supplementary reader entitle "Somchai Goes to Market" to the following areas: 2,000 copies to Sayaboury, and 1,500 copies each to Pakse and Savannakhet. Four representatives from the AWC will make the distribution to Sayaboury the first week in July.

#### French Language Workshops

The French Cultural Mission is sponsoring French Language workshops in Savannakhet and Pakse. A total of 240 P-4 teachers have been selected to receive two weeks training in the teaching of the French language.

#### Savannakhet Area

The PSI/Savannakhet is still seeking assistance for the repair of Sayamoungkhoun and Old Sayaphoum groupes scolaires. CDB/Savannakhet agreed to do estimates on both of them and assist if repair estimates are not too exorbitant. Neither project can be used as FY73 urban self-help construction which must be new construction of an eight room building. The PTAs of both schools are raising money for repairs.

The PSI/Kengkok has agreed to supply a list of schools in his area still needing teachers. Over 130 CREC teachers are being trained in the workshops taking place in Kengkok and Thakhek. There are still 50 teachers needed for the empty classrooms in the Lahanam and Kengkok areas.

The truck belonging to the PSI/Kengkok, licence number ASV-0849 (AVT-1840), Engine Number 1328136, Chassis Number 80040223 is presently waiting to be shipped to Savannakhet and then to Vientiane for disposal. The necessary paper work was signed by Vientiane officials and has been forwarded to Savannakhet for final signatures. The FSO will make out the Form 147 for shipment to Vientiane.

Installation of the new Groupe Scolaire at Kengke will take place when the schools in Labanem and Songkhoun Groupe Scolaire are completed. The HoE will notify when ready.

The PSI Thailand requested assistance with the repair of the school which was badly damaged by severe storms in May. The CFA was notified and has agreed to supply roofing sheets.

Urban Self-help School Construction is as follows:

W. K. Group School 60%

#### Pakse Area

The city of Pakse is installing a water system for the entire area. The PSI/E done stated that the prices quoted by the City Water Board for the water are much too high and most of the schools cannot afford to install the systems unless prices come down. Two tanks of water cost an average of \$10,000 per month while the same amount brought in by water merchants would cost only \$1,200. So far only the PTAs of Wat Prabath and Ban Thong groupes scolaires have agreed to purchase the city water. The JE has encouraged the PSI to install the pipes in all schools in the city to relieve the problems they are having with wells and pumps.

Mr. Bandiere, Director of the Lycee of Pakse has been transferred to Vientiane as Counselor of the Lycee. Three Lao candidates have been named to replace him but as of this date no final selection has been made.

A complete inventory of non-expendable equipment lost in Khong Sane when the enemy took over the town is being made. The list will be submitted as soon as it is completed. Mr. Somseng, PSI Wapikhamthong will share the jeep being used by the PSI/Sadone during the summer workshops. A total of 100 liters of gasoline has been approved for the month of July only.

Five schools in Sedone and Sihanouk were damaged by severe storms and in four cases the CFA has agreed to assist in supplying roofing sheets.

Urban Self-help Construction for this period is as follows:

Pakse Groupe Scolaire, Pakse	20%
Thahai Groupe Scolaire, Pakse	98%
Done Talat Groupe Scolaire, Champassak	48%
Khong Sedone College, Wapikhamthong	Suspended