

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, A/Chief, EBU Date: June 2, 1972
FROM : James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May 1972

Problems:

Nothing significant.

Progress:

1. During May the AP #011 was received, allowing K3,500,000 for a Summer Work Program to be carried out at each Teacher Training Campus. Early in the month a schedule was made for the assistant Director of Teacher Training to accompany the Project Manager to each campus to make final plans for the Summer Work Program. The Director of each school presented the work planned for his school. Mr. Phansy, Assistant Director of Teacher Training, discussed with each director the priorities of their school. In many cases the work had to be limited because of size or availability of technical skill needed to carry out the work. A booklet has been compiled including plans for each campus, a list of materials needed and a letter to each AC describing the entire work to be carried out.

- a. Schedules for Lao and Teacher Training advisors to visit the larger schools (Luang Prabang, Savannakhet and Pakse) to conduct training, direct and keep the work progressing, will be planned early in June.

This Summer Work Program is totally Lao program, planned by Lao and will be carried out by Lao. The Summer Work Program will correct some of the major problems in the area of maintenance of the Teacher Training schools. A joint Lao, US supervisor training program will help the schools be prepared to carry on maintenance at a higher level.

2. Teacher Training has been cooperating with Primary Education to enrich the Refugee Training located at Ban Song Lai, Xieng Khouang Province. Two teachers from the Education Materials have contributed greatly to the development of teacher made teaching materials.

Plans for playground equipment made of bamboo will be available early in June to enable construction by the instructors before returning to their schools. It is hoped the training will enrich and improve instruction in the Meo schools in central Laos.

3. At Luang Prabang ENI a major alteration to the yard drainage near the new three story building has been undertaken and completed. There were no funds left in the contract for additional work by OICC so the project cooperated with the AC's office and his staff to carry out this essential work with trust funds. Using refugee labor, local and Common Use materials, to build adequate drainage to carrying off rain water from 2 large roofs will correct a serious erosion problem.
4. A meeting was held between Dr. Veo, Director of Teacher Training, and OICC planners. At this meeting the Director presented the long-range plans of the Ministry for the Dong Dok campus. The major change will be moving grades 11-12-13 of the ESP French section to the ENI administration. Between 1973-75 the program will become a total Lao Program. At the ESP the English section now grades 11-12-13 will add grades 14 and 15. The French section of the ESP will be grades 14-15-16 and 17. Departments to be included are, Math, Science, Lao, Arts, Industrial Arts, including Business Education. Housing of students will remain at approximately 400 students. Because of the location of the campus faculty housing will be necessary. In the Fall of 1972 a team will investigate the possibilities of loaning the Lao Government funds to pipe city water to Dong Dok. Many questions and answers are needed but the beginning of the long-range plans for the campus is under way.
5. INNOTECH conferences in May included many of the Teacher Trainers. After one week of general meeting with participants from neighboring countries, a meeting was held with three specialists in Primary Education. Teacher Training has not had time to translate the proceedings of the conference.
6. Visitors from RECSAM worked with Teacher Training in promoting a center to develop methods of teaching Math and Science, Primary and Secondary Education. RECSAM representatives drafted a proposal for assisting agencies to study.
7. Mr. Goodwin, Washington backstop, for Education and other branches visited Education projects. Meetings held with Mr. Goodwin offered an exchange of information helping to build understanding of the Lao Education project.