

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

April 3, 1972

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

PROBLEMS

No new significant problems not reported previously.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The third in a series of four training courses for instructors was conducted in Savannakhet and the last one in Pakse scheduled to close April 4. In addition to the evaluative comments made in the CEA's February report, it may be stated that this training activity involved considerably the selection and use of techniques and procedures to improve teaching of language arts, mathematics, and science. Bounmy Srihanouvong and Bounchanh, both former participants to the USA, were outstanding in their performance as instructors. Mr. Bounmy, in particular, displayed unusual initiative and capability in his demonstration lessons in mathematics. Mr. Bounchanh emphasized the use of simple materials for teaching science. These two instructors who worked in all four courses, steadily improved in their leadership and expressed keen satisfaction with the objectives and accomplishments of the training courses. Three supervisor trainees who recently returned from study in Thailand, assisted in the training courses with teaching demonstrations; one worked with a Primary School Inspector on methods of teaching language arts, using materials prepared while training in Thailand.

The National Director of Primary Education visited the course in Pakse. The trainees will work as instructors in eighteen summer workshops planned for CREC teachers throughout the Kingdom (see February Report).

Nominations were submitted to USAID by MoE for fifteen persons to train in supervision and five in testing. An Activity Proposal is being processed to provide four months' study at the National Teacher Training Center, as planned by the Departments of Primary Education and Teacher Training. PIC/Ps have been drafted to supplement local study with six months' training in Thailand. Nominations have also been submitted for training in Thailand in Educational Statistics, Evaluation, and Budget and Finance. Candidates for degree level study in social studies and language arts have not yet been selected.

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