

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division  
FROM : James Colman, Teacher Education Advisor  
SUBJECT: Teacher Training Monthly Report, February, 1972

Problems

Continuous complaints about the ENI schools from Pakse and Luang Prabang, regarding sewage drainage have been received. Inspections have been made and discussions with PWD and OICC have identified possible solutions. Since it has been impossible to acquire alteration plans for the recommendations from PWD and OICC during the busy dry season, the alterations are being made on a self-help basis. No funds were budgeted for these alterations during this fiscal year. Part of the necessary material has been purchased and sent to each campus.

During March, visits will be made to direct necessary alterations that will have to be carried out by school employees and students from each campus. To correct these problems, alterations must be made to the original construction. However, the pressure of continuing complaints and the potential health problems make it necessary for direct action by available Teacher Training personnel.

On the 16th of February, 36 employees from Teacher Training were inducted into the Army. The major number of these men were working

Problems (continued)

in the area of maintenance and repair. One employee, an electrician, has no one of his skill to cover for this 18 month period of service. Losing large number of staff will naturally affect the project schedule and the quality of project progress. Internal conditions in Laos are unique and PARs and audits should reflect the true human resource problems.

Progress

On February 2, the main water pump at Dong Dok was in operation after being out of service for three weeks. The back-up system has proved its worth. Even though the major source was unavailable, water shortage at Dong Dok was only an inconvenience.

OICC's inspection of construction at Luang Prabang has accepted the building as completed. Early in the month Mr. Steve Bunck accompanied Mr. Phansy and Mr. Colman to the school in order to guide the teachers use the science equipment provided in the new building. Final furniture orders have been made to complete furnishing of the new building.

A one week TDY in Thailand was made on request of Mr. Khamphat, Director of Vocational Department. The visit was profitable to Mr. Khamphat in giving him direction to his development of a five-year plan. Details of this trip were made in a special trip report.

A first took place this month in having a Director of Primary Education and a Director of Teacher Training visit a remote refugee area to plan a training program for refugee teachers. This coordination of the Primary Education Department, with the PSI, Teacher Training Department, and the representatives of USAID was a positive step forward. During March an activity plan will be circulated for consideration of approval of funds for the project. When funds are approved, the Teacher Training Department can provide the necessary staff, a new responsibility that may be

assumed by that Department is furnishing staff in-service training. When in-service training projects are conducted by the staff which operates the regular Teacher Training program, there will be the possibility to offer in-service training for credit -- a valuable opportunity for the teacher -- and to develop the needed staff.

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