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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for Month of January 1972

### Problems

On 9 January the main water pump at KM-9 stopped pumping. Since the PWD crane was working on the new dike we were unable to pull the pump until January 13. It was found that several bearings had failed. New parts were ordered from Bangkok and arrived on 28 January. Pump was back in operation on 2 February. A meeting regarding the water situation was held and Mr. Onsy, my counterpart, explained to the students what was happening and the water rationing program. The auxiliary pump and the old system managed to supply enough water so that there were no disturbance or protest from the students.

### Progress

During the month a large framework was built from 4" pipe over the pumphouse so that the pump could be pulled, if necessary, without the use of the PWD crane. It would still be safer and quicker to use the crane, but by use of jeep or tractor the pump can now be pulled if the crane is not available.

Water from the ENI Savannakhet school system was checked at the American Medical unit and was declared germ free and potable.

Mr. Sithonh has continued to work on the excess items in the KM-9 warehouse. Between 13 November and 14 January 186 line items worth \$3,282 have been returned to the common use system.

Several discussions held with the Contractor about grading to be completed under the change order for new buildings at KM-9. Work has been progressing slowly. The contractor has been handicapped with the sodding around the sidewalks. Because of shortage of water in school system, he has had to carry his own water and much of the sod is either dead or dying.

Activity Plan TT-1-015, Repair of Roads at KM-9 by PWD, which was suspended during the rainy season until dry weather, has been completed. Grader was

at KM-9 from 21 January through 27 January cutting ditches. Some further hand work will be done by the school workers after the rains come.

The engine for the TD-9 has arrived and been sent to Kao Liao for installation in the bulldozer.

On 31 January Mr. Keur, myself, two OICC inspectors and the contractor made an inspection of the security grills being installed on laboratory buildings at KM-9. There were still several deficiencies which the contractor has been requested to rectify. The sidewalks were accepted. They were well done and have no cracks.

A campaign by school officials has resulted in all cars being parked outside the sidewalk quadrangle. The next campaign will be against students racing along the new sidewalks with motorbikes. We may have to build a shed for parking of motorbikes, outside the fence with stiles made to get over the fence.

Students throwing sticks to dislodge the fruit have frequently knocked holes in asbestos cement roofing sheets in several buildings so several cherry trees around the grounds have been cut down. Both tractors have been busy throughout the month cutting weeds and carting off trash. Any weeds now left will have to be cut after the bulldozer arrives and smooths out the terrain, as at present several areas are too rough for mowers to operate in. At the present time, the grounds look better than I can remember.

Maintenance crews have been concentrating on buildings A & B. The school electrician has eliminated much jury wiring installed by students as being fire and shock hazards. Doors and screening have been repaired or replaced by the carpenter crew.

Mr. Casey Keur, IVS/EDU, went to Luang Prabang with all the necessary parts and installed three basketball backboards for the ENI. A search for the fourth 4" 90 degree elbow continues. When it is found the fourth one will be installed.

The system of Friday morning meetings of the Maintenance group at KM-9 seems to be promoting a certain amount of efficiency in the work there. At these meetings the work for the coming week is planned and problems are discussed. People from all the maintenance areas participate in the meetings as does the school director when he is available.

On 15 January, ORA picked up the last of the unused farm machinery that was not needed at KM-9 farm.

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