



Teacher Training (continued)

-- Luang Prabang produced a brighter note regarding utilities. The city electric power system was extended to the ENI this month, eliminating project requirements for the operation and maintenance of a generator and at the same time enabling the school to use projectors and other electrical equipment whenever they are needed.

Community Education

Mr. Khamphao Phonekeo, Director of Primary and Adult Education, has been turning over responsibilities to Mr. Bounthong, his deputy, and these two officials have been traveling to many parts of the country to make Khamphao's farewells. Khamphao leaves for France December 18 for assignment as Cultural Affairs Officer.

The PSIs for Vientiane/South and Paklay relinquished their duties this month in order to begin campaigning for election to the National Assembly.

CE staff and Ministry officials have worked out plans for this year's in-service training courses for teachers. The emphasis will be on training about 500 CREC teachers preceded by seminars for the instructors of the CREC courses. Teacher Training staff will be closely involved in this activity.

Enrollment in schools administered by the PSI for Xieng Khouang has been restored to its previous level of 14,000 after having reached a low point last school year of about 3,000. Another 3,000 children in this geographical area are enrolled in schools administered by the PSI for Sam Neua. The Sam Neua schools have been stabilized enough to enable the PSI to hold a successful Youth Festival last month in which over 800 children participated.

The CE PAR for this year was completed and forwarded to AID/W during the month.

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Education Division, Bureau of Education, Hanoi, 1951

Secondary Education

Work has accelerated on the preparation of SE textbooks with about ten manuscripts moving towards completion. Mrs. Khamouk, a local employee, has been given the position of editorial supervisor at the curriculum center following her training at BRDD/LT. Mr. Saly Chittavoravong is translating a Business Math text and M. Khamkhan Bounnam, a returned participant with a B.A. in Agronomy, will work on formulating Agriculture materials.

As work on Lao textbooks proceeds into a new level, it is more and more evident that we need to give greater attention to linguistic problems encountered in expressing technical concepts in the Lao language. Lao terms need to be standardized and checked, and for this we will require someone with technical training and fluency in Lao and English. We expect to get a concrete proposal to the Ministry of Education to this urgent problem shortly in the near future.

Construction program

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### General

Two members of the staff of the SEAMEO regional center in Penang for Science and Mathematics Education made a profitable visit to Laos this month. This project and the Regional English Language Center in Singapore are the two SEAMEO activities that most interest the Ministry. The visiting staff members asked the right questions, learned much about Laos' problems in their field, and hopefully will move the center towards increasing its support for educational developments in Laos.

The Ministry is sponsoring a one-month training course at Ban Amone for the first group of 20 instructors for the Functional Literacy program for the Vientiane Plain. A pilot program is scheduled to begin in early January in the region of Hat Dok Keo.

### Other Donors

The American Women's Club donated 2500 copies of an original "reading-for-fun" book to the children of Laos. Copies of the book, called Sombath's Buffalo, are being distributed to schools in the major towns through the Primary School Inspectors.

### Personnel

Mr. Ah Chong Zane, Hawaii team advisor for the Fu Ngum Phone Hong School, departed for two months home leave. During his absence other team members will visit Phone Hong on a rotational basis.

Mr. Sayathone Douangpraseuth has been employed as an Administration Assistant in the Community Education Branch.

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