

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 30, 1971

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division

FROM : Harold A. Fitzgerald, CEA/Refugees *H. Fitzgerald*

SUBJECT: Community Education Monthly Report, December, 1971

Problems

Recent enemy activity in the Long Tien area did not permit the reopening of primary schools in Long Tien after the Mid New Year. Please see Mr. Woodson's monthly Report for actions taken by the Community Education Project.

Project Progress

1. Refugee School Programs

Mr. Woodson is working on working up emergency plans to take care of students in the Long Tien area who have been displaced by enemy activity.

Vaun Khane officials have advised regarding their twelve temporary classrooms at two sites.

The MoE has agreed to the possible use of Kiang Khouang teachers to Pakane to take care of Kiang Khouang village school children in that area. CEA/Refugees will follow up.

Please refer to Mr. Woodson's Monthly Report for further refugee education statistics.

2. In-Service Training

The Activity Plan for the annual Primary School Inspectors' Conference was approved during the month. Miss Des Brisay and local representatives from Sayaboury, where the conference will be held, came to Vientiane and made local purchases. The original estimates on these purchases were low and an amendment was processed increasing the authorization.

Miss Engler, CEA/Program, is currently drafting four CREC Teacher Trainer Activity Plans and will work on additional Activity Plans for sixteen CREC workshops for next summer. It should be noted the Lao officials concerned are planning well in advance and their efforts become more professional each year.

3. Urban Self-Help Construction

During the reporting period CEA/National was informed that the RLG had reduced their input for Urban Self-Help Construction. Originally the Development Plan called for a contribution of K3,500,000 each for nine urban schools. These schools are covered under Community Education Activity Plans 2008 through 2014, inclusive. Each school's RLG Kip contribution was reduced by K500,000. Activity managers were immediately notified and requested to set up meetings with Primary School Inspectors and PTA's to amend these Activity Plans to reflect the new RLG input.

4. Personnel

Miss Leontine Engler, CEA/Program, returned from Home Leave and assumed her regular duties December 16, 1971 in the Education Division.

A very good candidate was recruited for the Education Administrative Assistant position in Savannakhet. The person could not pass the physical examination and Personnel Division is now recruiting again.

Mr. Mour Dang will continue local training in Vientiane in English and

typing and will be transferred to Site 272 under ORA at the end of January.

The local CE staff is undergoing a gradual reorganization. Local employees are being given more direct responsibilities in office management and routine decision making affecting the office. The HRDD Supervisor I and II courses have contributed to this effort in a very positive manner.

Mr. Khampao Phcnekeo, former Director of Primary and Adult Education, departed for France on December 22, 1971. He will serve as the Lao Cultural Attache for a period of two to three years. Mr. Bounthong Vixaisak, previously Mr. Khampao's deputy, was formally appointed as the new Director on December 22, 1971. Mr. Bounthong's successor has not been named.

5. School Construction Plans

An extremely fruitful meeting was held December 10, 1971 with representatives from the Department of Primary Education, MoE, USAID/PWD, and USAID/Education participating. The purpose of the meeting was to insure a RLG-MoE input into the current PWD planned revisions of standard school construction plans. The PWD representatives were very impressed with the high level professional suggestions that the MoE officials made. Mr. Myers, PWD, will issue a memorandum on the results of the meeting.

6. Other Donors

The Australian Embassy informed Mr. Green that they will provide \$10,000 of school supplies within three or four months. (including much needed chalk) They have also programed \$85,000 more for school year 72-73 for school supplies. They have asked USAID/Education to review the Lao requests prior to placing the order in Australia.

7. Construction

Summary of FY 72 Self-Help projects approved to date:

	No. of <u>APs</u>	Number of <u>Schools</u>	Number of Classrooms New Grades		Number of Classroom Replace Grades		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>4-6</u>	
Rural Self-Help	12	24	52	15	10	6	83
CE (Urban)	1	1	4	4	-	-	8
Refugees	3	17	48	7	0	0	55
Refugees (L. P.)	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Information not available</u>				<u>34</u>
	17	54	104	26	10	6	180

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 1-3: 80%

Percent of new classrooms for Grades 4-6: 20%

Status of approved CE construction projects:

CE 0108	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	45%C
CE 0187	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vientiane/South)	90%C
CE 0190	Urban Self-Help Construction (Savannakhet)	100%C
CE 0232	Self-Help Construction Vocational School (Savannakhet)	99%C
CE 1008	Urban Self-Help Construction (Pakse)	100%C
CE 1004	Urban Self-Help Construction (Vang Vieng)	95%C
CE 1005	Urban Self-Help Construction (Champassak)	38%C
CE 1021	Groupe Scolaire Repair (Savannakhet)	98%C
CE 2012	Urban Self-Help Construction (Luang Prabang)	12%C
CE 2002	Materials Production Storeroom	100%C

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