

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director

FROM : Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division

SUBJECT: Education Division Monthly Report for July 1971



Refugee School Program

177 teachers in refugee schools completed training program at five locations in methods of teaching and in elementary school subject matter during the month of July.

Many elementary textbooks were re-printed during the month (see list below) assuring an adequate supply of basic texts for refugee schools for the opening of the school year. We will soon begin a revision of elementary science books and some other materials for refugee schools using FY 72 funds.

Woodson, Constantino, and Desbriency are working with local school officials, CDAs, and Refugee Affairs Officers to assure that classrooms will be ready for refugee pupils in September. The majority of the temporary classrooms constructed for the Vietnamese Pliane refugees last year will need to be used again this year because construction of permanent schools has not been completed. We will be seeing to the needed rehabilitation of the temporary classrooms. Work is also being started to replace 23 classrooms destroyed by enemy action in eight villages south of Long Prabang. In addition, work is being done on the construction of 12 classrooms for the Long Prang Struggle Schools.

Refugee children in some areas have been attending summer classes taught by secondary level students in the Student Summer Work Experience Program. This should enable some of the refugee children to make up for part of their lost school years.

Community Education

Community education is being conducted in the area of the Long Prang Struggle Schools. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture are working together to provide educational materials and to conduct community education activities. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture are also working to provide educational materials and to conduct community education activities.

training is quoted to give an indication of the content of these courses:

The course for Xan Tri teachers from Vientiane and all provinces north, which was directed by Mr. Thank Phrosavanh FSI/Vientiane/South, displayed considerable improvement over past years in organization and management of the training activity. The program of instruction presented specific topics ... such as The Importance of Grade One, Checking and Scoring Papers, Maintenance of School Buildings, PIAs and Self-Help Projects. Besides their specific teaching duties, the instructors spent considerable time preparing teaching materials. A comprehensive objective test was given to teachers to evaluate their learning.

Seven participants in supervision and three in lecting departed July 21 for six months further study in Thailand. The participant training programs follow four months of course work held at Daog Dok for the same personnel.

#### Teacher Training

Project training activities include the following:

13 elementary principals and teachers in the Souvannakhet area completed a workshop aimed at improving their work with practice teachers from the SNJ.

14 graduates of the Buddhist Institute are now receiving a three-week course in methods of teaching. They will be assigned as Lao language teachers in secondary and teacher training schools in October.

10 students from the Vientiane Normal School completed a 15-day study program in community development skills at the Ban Amant Center. The group will be assigned to teach in rural areas in September.

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at Ban Keun, an animal husbandry building at Savannakhet, painting and grass cutting at all locations, furniture repair, screen replacement, etc.

A new well with a capacity of about 90 gallons per minute has been drilled at Dong Dek. When connection to the main system is completed we should have an adequate alternate system to avoid major water supply problems at ESP in the future. In addition, a spare parts supply for other pumps as the pumpup is being accumulated.

Mr. Thomas reports that FWD completed all major work on the road repair project at Dong Dek. Some finishing up and ditching will need to be done after the rainy season.

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Dr. Hunter reports that in-service activities, programs for 1971 begun. Workshops were completed for all schools across concept, curriculum and managerial. A list of schools will be reported in August. Themes of education, technology and health, and curriculum development were followed by discussion and demonstration of classroom techniques. School teachers were actively involved in workshop teaching.

New members of the SEU staff will begin their orientation program including regular Lao language classes. Dr. Hunter's analytical approach to problems and his organizational abilities are well suited to the SEU project's present requirements.

Four students departed for the U.S. to begin studies at the University of Florida towards a Ph.D. in the teaching of English as a second language. One participant, Mr. Keo Moungphet, received a B.A. from Kent State. He will be assigned to the Pa Hanch School.

The amount of SEU work was significantly curtailed this month. It was concentrated on maintaining the open-ended problems on record mainly (1) to (4) and (5) through (7) of the open-ended problems, and (2) to (4) of the open-ended problems. Other SEU work was curtailed.

The Chao Khong of Sayabouly is reported to be making an official request to the Ministry of Education for a Technical School to be established in his province.

Educational Materials

Educational materials completed this month:

EDU/Cat	Plans for School Furniture	1000 copies
SE	Leo Typing book, Grade 8	1000 copies
SE	Algebra book, Grade 8	6000 copies
SE	Social Studies book, Grade 8	2000 copies
CE	Geography book, Grade 7	5000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 1	50000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 2	40000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 3	40000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 4	40000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 5	30000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 6	30000 copies

Educational Materials Being Printed

SE	Video Cassette book, Grade 8	1000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 7	20000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 7	20000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 8	20000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 9	20000 copies

Notes

The following items are being prepared for the Ministry of Education. They are being prepared in order to be included in the next edition of the various educational materials. The Ministry of Education is currently reviewing the materials and will be making a decision on whether to include them in the next edition.

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Dr. Semphon Oudomvilay is presently on his way to attend a UNESCO meeting in Ottawa. He will also spend one week in Hawaii under Asia Foundation sponsorship for the purpose of visiting Lao students who are studying there.

Twenty more military personnel completed training to become literacy instructors for FAR. This is the second group of graduates from the training program, which is sponsored by the Teacher Training Department of the Ministry of Education. 22 military personnel completed the first training program.

### Personnel

Dan Cox served as acting chief of the Education Division throughout the month of July while I was on medical leave. Upon my return on August 5, Mr. Cox began arrangements to accept a rotational assignment in AID/W. He departed post on August 15.

Mr. William Backin arrived in Laos to begin his assignment as curriculum advisor for Industrial Arts under the University of Hawaii contract.

Clark Costello changed his post of assignment from Vientiane to Vientiane this month. His duties as Community Education Advisor for Southern Laos remain unchanged.

Mr. Thomas Yamamoto transferred to Luang Prabang July 23 to begin his duties as University of Hawaii advisor to the new Saigam School.

Mr. Myra Ky returned from home leave and resumed his duties as the division's secretary.

Our new IVG teachers arrived in Laos after stopping over in Singapore for some intensive TEFL training at the SEAMEQ Regional English Language Center.

Miss Tamboon's assistant, Mr. Tang Chai, is expected to return to post to go to France for further studies.

Other Donors

Messrs. Nolle and Rugeon, two members of a five-man team of UN experts, arrived in Laos this month to begin work with the science and mathematics curriculum for the College of Education. The other three experts are expected to arrive in August.

17 students who completed the second cycle of ESP will be given one year of study abroad -- 14 in France and 3 in Canada. The French government is also providing one year of study in France for the PSU/Ban Keng and the Deputy PSU/Puklay.

New Zealand and Czechoslovakia have each offered two scholarships for Lao students to take advanced studies in their respective countries. Nine students recently departed for Australia to complete their secondary education in Australian schools.

Mr. Doungnonphaley, from Fa Ngum Vientiane School, and Mr. An, from the Office of Educational Planning, are attending courses at the PEAMER Institute Center in Singapore.

Asia Foundation is sponsoring a one-month training course in Vientiane for 18 Lao librarians. The foundation has an American advisor who will work with library development. Asia Foundation also supported a 15-day training course at Dong Dak for about 100 physical education teachers from all over Laos.

The Canadian government has agreed to provide 21 tons of paper for the printing of school book materials by the Ministry of Education.

Reporting units

- Teacher Training
- Secondary Education
- Community Education

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