

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT Education Division Monthly Report for April 1971

Refugee School Program

Classes resumed on April 23 in those schools in Luang Prabang which had been used as temporary refugee hostels. Miss DeBrisay reports that the emergency use of the schools resulted in some damage to the buildings. The situation is being investigated with Mr. Fitzgerald.

It is certain that additional refugee schools will need to be constructed in Borikhané Luang Prabang, and Xieng Khouang before the new school year begins next September. Some survey work has been done in these areas but the situation is still too unstable to permit firm planning. How many schools can be established within a short period of time once requirements and locations are determined.

Community Education

Miss Engler reports on the completion of a successful four-month field training course for ten classroom supervisors for elementary schools. These men, all of whom are experienced teachers, will be given further training in supervisory work in Thailand after which they will be assigned as the first Lao counselors to be employed in the Department of Elementary Education.

Community Education reports show that activity plans have been approved so far this year for the self help construction of 290 classrooms at 117 locations. These figures do not include temporary classrooms for refugee schools.

Teacher Training

The Teacher Training project sponsored two national workshops this month, one concerning Lao language instruction and another concerning the production and use of instructional materials. Over 50 participants from

the teacher training schools attended the workshops which were held in Pakse.

The campus at Donk, which had at long last been completely and adequately fenced. An air weather arrears road in the north which has also been completed and, as reported by Mr. Thomas, numerous other projects to improve the water supply system of Donk have also progressed satisfactorily.

As mentioned in the February report, a problem has developed with one of the water pumps at the Donk school. Mr. Thomas is following up on this matter.

Research Activities

Twenty nine students, including four from the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane are observing classes at the Phoukhan School in Vientiane. These students will be doing their own projects during the summer months when they will be in their first year of classes.

Mrs. Thompson, the wife of the State Representative for Phoukhan, has been chosen to travel to the U.S. for a study tour in the summer of 1971 to the Philippines. Her main project there will be to help in the relief of the problem in that area to the home government and abroad.

Construction activities procedures being used

Vientiane: A letter to the State Representative in Vientiane, the Phoukhan Curriculum Guide for Secondary Schools is being prepared and forwarded to Phoukhan.

Phoukhan: The school at Phoukhan is being renovated and the school is being used for the school year 1970-71.

Savannakhet: The school at Savannakhet is being renovated and the school is being used for the school year 1970-71.

Luang Prabang: The school at Luang Prabang is being renovated and the school is being used for the school year 1970-71.

Educational Materials

Educational materials purchased this month

CE	Reading book, Grade 2	10,000 copies
CE	Geography book, Grade 3	5,000 copies
CE (CR)	Mathematics	107,500 copies

Curriculum materials being prepared

SE	Language book, Grade 3	1,000 copies
SE	Algebra book, Grade 8	6,000 copies
SE	Social Studies, Grade 8	6,000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 2	6,000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 3	6,000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 5	2,500 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 1	50,000 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 2	25,000 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 3	19,500 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 4	20,000 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 5	1,000 copies
CE	Mathematics book, Grade 7	12,000 copies
CE	Geography book, Grade 3	13,000 copies

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