

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Hunter Fitzgerald,
CRA/National

FROM : Larry Woodson, CEA/Refugees *LW*

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for October 1970

DATE: November 2, 1970

Problems:

No significant new problems since last reporting period.

Project Progress:

- (1) The refugee villages are in the final stages of harvesting their rice and labor should be available in another week or so to assist with the refugee school expansion program. Activity Plans CE 70/14 and CE 70/15 provided for the construction of sixty classrooms and an additional fifty-six classrooms are being provided with furniture and supplies under Activity Plan 1010 which will alleviate overcrowded classrooms, double sessions and non-enrollment of refugee children. So far some additional twenty-two classrooms are in various stages of construction.
- (2) Mr. Khamphong and five assistants from the Ministry of Education have already started construction of furniture for the refugee school at Veun Kham. The Kittasawn Association provided funds for 70 sets of furniture and USAID, under CE 1010, is providing the furniture for the remainder of the required furniture. This will allow the refugee students to utilize the four classrooms contained in the French Agriculture school at Tha Ngone. Mr. Khamphong and his assistants will also help the villagers to gather materials and construct additional temporary classrooms that will be required.
- (3) The contractor has delivered the remainder of the lumber to the PWD shop at Kao Lee where PWD carpenters are prefabricating furniture for the Groupe Scolaire in Long Tieng. This will provide some 75 student tables and 250 student benches that were lost during the refugee occupation of the school. PWD estimates that the materials will be ready for shipment to Long Tieng sometime during the first week in November. It is expected that the current backlog of cargo at ATOG will postpone the completion of this project for several more weeks. When shipment is made, PWD carpenters will travel to Long Tieng to supervise and assist with the assembly of the furniture.

- (4) Glass louvers and other materials required for the repair of the Long Tieng Groupe Scolaire have already been delivered to ATOC and are awaiting shipment to the site.
- (5) Community Education Division has prepared AP's for the printing for additional textbooks for refugee students and for the training of refugee teachers next summer. See CRA/National's report.
- (6) The following figures show the refugee student enrollment for the Vientiane Plain. These refugee students are currently in school ~~are~~ receiving instruction:

<u>Refugee village</u>	Vientiane Plain Refugee students now in temporary classrooms					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Mak Nao	30	-	-			
Dong Ka Loum	59	30	3			
Vang Pheng	80	18	10			
Mak Hiao	119	9	21			
Ban Don Tai	68	26	8	9		1
Na Kung	16	4	3			
Thun Lua	29	9	5			
Veun Khene	318	55	36			
Phone Sai	131	12	5			
Kok Kieng	95	17	17			
Ban That	86	21	16			
Nam Phot 1	127	77	65	53	25	25
Nam Phot 3	301	65	58	55	20	28
Hat Deua	128	73	37			
Viang Pham	159	23				
That Xang	76	25	13			
Ban Y-Lai	249	84	57	47		
Nong Sat	99	80	86			
Na Nga	350	20	20	20		
Phone Phene	28	20	20	15		
TOTAL	2,548	668	430	198	65	56

Phou Khao Kham ¹	174	students
Phou Khao Khouei ¹	104	"
Ban Thine	197	"
Na Long Koun ¹	82	"
Veun Kham ²	339	"
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	946	" in school
X 52 ³	20	" not in school

- 1 Refugees students attending school in existing classrooms.
- 2 Classes started on November 2nd utilizing four classrooms in the French Agriculture School on a double session basis. As late as November 5th, villagers had erected columns and rafters for two of the four temporary classrooms that are under construction. These classrooms should be ready for occupancy when classes resume following That Luang Fair.
- 3 Meo students that will possibly move and reports indicate that they are not interested in attending school at the present time.

Summary:

Total refugee students currently attending class on the Vientiane Plain.

4,902