

Andrus = INTRODUCTION

Not giving technical or administrative.

- 1) How to relate human relationships to the people & Gov.
- 2) Administration
- 3) Self-Education - college, books, contacts.

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- "The Land & People of Laos

Country, History, Culture, covered in orientation

History - unbroken tradition - recorded history doesn't go back because of lack of writing past 3rd Century.

Chinese annals - record people back to 2000 B.C.

Do have recent written record.

3 things relate to work.

- 1) Developed pride of race ^{+ antiquity} & this must be taken in account. Tradition goes back a long way. Only in eyes of west are they new & new. Approach must be geared to situation

- 2) Have a survival experience - have evidence that they can survive as a people.

8th century had prominent situation in Annam spread out under attack from Chinese.

Had to push south & settled in Laos.

People of fateless - have seen themselves under attack from external & internal forces.

"So what" We come through in past so will come through OK now.

Certain degree of apathy.

Deability lack of virility

They have become weakened due to long struggle
+ part of this can be attributed to health etc but
most attributed to the thinning down

Language → Jao - one branch of ^{Indo-Chinese} ~~Indo-Chinese~~ group (Thai)
are very close to north Thailand - Shan-
states - China area bordering Jao +
Tonkin area.

Can be readily understood in most cases.

^{Bangkok}
People of Southern Thailand - different would call it
Siamese - further away from Jao Language.
Due to contact with non Thai countries
Writing systems are very much closer
than other dialects.

Closer contacts - commerce, religion, Radio
printed matter - presents difficulties.

Recognize fact that even though Thai + Jao are
similar but can't use Thai.

Culture - Animism + Buddhism

On surface we see Buddhism but it has
been superimposed. Nobody knows when Buddhism
came in. Some think it came in with Chinese.
Monuments tend to support that it was fostered
in 14th century when Jao + Cambodian peoples
came back + embraced Buddhism & had Cambodia
send up a delegation. Had great deal to do
with development - cultural, history, political.
Must be taken into consideration.

History = has been continual blood-bathing.

Fought off Chinese until Kubla Khan -

Domestic History = constant fighting between royal families.

Disinclination to fight due to Fatalism attitude
Apathy - don't have will to fight.

Buddhism = "Thou shalt not want (desire)"

Marked contrast to recent past.

During past things were much different.

In their village had to secure everything.

Early in Laos could leave anything unattended
& expect to see it next day.

- 1) Influence of people coming in.
- 2) People satisfied with what they had.
- 3) Individuals have seen luxury items brought into country & the people want things they see. Western people know this "Class advertising".
- 4) So thousands of nations elite exposed to these items. Exposed to line of material possessions - Status Symbols.
1950 = 200 cars in Laos
when Pooper came 5 in Luang Prabang
Now things have been elevated & cars are status symbols - which are available usually by devious methods. It is motivating the people.

Patience, effort & time required to develop pride in country.

E + T indispensable to develop the common wheel.

Time may be in short supply.

Contrast ^{or} Contradiction -

Pride of Race + Absence of ^{true} Patriotism

- 1) Has been no unified condition of state which would head up. Was have dominated the past. Has been none for centuries - Nothing to attach loyalty.
- 2) French removed any that they might have had. Gave people comfortable living without any responsibility - Typical of colonial administration. So people had no sense of responsibility or sense of Patriotism.
- 3) Today - country is far too young to achieve sense of self awareness over-night. To expect very much is breeding illusions.

French helped in giving constitution & setting up what government.

4. Pride of race & Pro Thai tendency - form of intellectual snobbery. Segment of intellectuals which prefer using Thai (Bangkok) rather than Lao. (feel Lao language cannot express) Consequently many terms are foreign to Lao. Using Lao + [wise selection of a little Thai] will be ok. ASIS - AID - Education = using too much Thai should reduce to minimum. Control

5) Buddhist ethic vs Present day inclination to fight & to draw blood, susceptibility against desire to suppress.

People not inclined to fight for country which means Lao vs Lao

Dr. Thomas - 1930's

Professor "Boob" moved for sound"
15 Sarala house went into talk.

Story about
Mao Tse Tung
Threw out of
hotel - ~

1) Customs govern rather than Law

Concerned to prevent similar happens to those
in China.

- 1) ability to maintain independence
- 2) accept principles of open free society
- 3)

Our society developed in Empty country with
insights from those that came. We did not
have such a transition to make. Role
1) change is so rapid - can not afford to
take time to understand changes & methods
that change has taken place -

1) Barriers in Social Structure =
must conform to community standards

Pulling class has same limitations as the poor.
Necessity of having identity = position through
inheritance

- 1) substance agricultural
- 2) limited horizons on part of people
- 3) sanitation
- 4) Make no work when I have to give away something

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