

FOR ROUND EYES ONLY

Lao - honest?????

ADO assistant was buying gas for his supervisor for 8,300 kip. He even went to the trouble of getting a local policeman to attest to the price of the gasoline. During his absence, the American supervisor was able to purchase the same amount for 6,000 kip.

Home Ec. Agents were going downtown to buy pins, needles, etc. Later it was discovered that all the prices were marked up and receipts were submitted for that amount - some were marked up as much as 50%.

Thais applying for jobs at the US AIR Force base were forced to pay 2,000 baht (\$100) in order to get a job. Who receives the pay off ??? Thai or American ???

One Lao assistant tried to get 500 kip (\$1) from another Lao assistant each pay period using the excuse that she deserved more since she was working harder.

An American Referee was sponsored by Asia Foundation to set up clinics to instruct Laotian referees on the fundamentals of officiating. He was also expected to officiate the Lao National Games in Savannakhet. Obviously some of the rules were enforced that had never been enforced before - fouling, traveling etc. One Lao Colonel threatened the representative from the Ministry of Youth and Sport by indicating that he would kill the representative if his basketball team lost due to the officiating of the American. Needless to say, the American was not allowed to officiate.

~~Phony~~

Phony lists of names have been submitted by the Lao and even by PWD in order to get extra money or in the case of PWD in order to pay overtime which was not allowed.

Buddhist Monks were responsible for meddling with BPR equipment since the villagers usually blamed the Phi and since the BPR man usually had to have a large boon in order to have the Monks share the Phi away. In each boon, the monks received money, food, gifts, etc.

IVS assistants working closely with the Lao Government employees arranged to take days off. They would alternate days. If anybody came, they had several excuses; out to coffee, at another building, etc. Finally if it looked like the person was a supervisor and was going to wait around, they would finally admit that the person missing was on sick leave.