

Report of the 41st meeting of the  
Technical Committee for the construction of the new  
NIA

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The 10th of April 1961, at 9:30 a.m., a meeting of the Technical Committee for the construction of the new NIA was held at the office of the workyard at Tran Quoc Toan Street.

Were present at the meeting:

Messrs. - Vu Quoc Thong, Rector of the NIA . . . . . Chairman  
Assisted by Mr. Nghiem Dang, Vice-Rector

- Ho Dac Cao, Architect, Representative of the Director General of Reconstruction, concurring Manager of the NIA building Project . . . . . Member
- Khuc Dan, Engineer, Assistant to Mr. Cao . . . . . Member
- Duong Thieu Chi, Representative of the Director of Budget and Foreign Aid . . . . . Member
- Emery, MSU specialist . . . . . Member
- Dr. Musolf, Chief Advisor of MSUG . . . Member
- Huynh An, Private Architect, Advisor to the Project . . . . . Member
- Pham Duy Suu, Chief, Administrative Services of the NIA . . . . . Secretary

The following agenda was discussed in the meeting:

1. Splits and cracks of the walls.

The Committee made a survey on the spot and found the walls at the Auditorium and the Library (Building B) had cracked where the piles and the concrete rafters join the brick walls.

The Manager explained that these cracks and splits are due to the change of weather, the expansion of concrete and brick construction. This is not important and the repair is easy. There will be no damage to the solidity and to the artistic view of the building. Only when the splits are seen in a irregular, zigzagged line, can the foundations be said too weak. But this does not happen.

2. Installation of the quonsets:

Decision of the Committee: Architect Huynh An shall be assigned to consider the places where the quonsets are to be installed (at suitable locations) and to report it to the Committee in the next meeting.

3. Use of the "floating" personnel:

The Committee's view: The work should have been completed since February 10. But a delay of 60 to 70 days has been granted: therefore it is felt that from now on, it is not necessary to use and pay the personnel (floating) in charge of supervising or accounting works etc...

The Manager said: In principles, fund for payment to the floating personnel at the workyard is 30% of the total amount. But here, to save money, only 10% is earmarked for this purpose; even so that money has not been used up. During the present stage of the work, these personnel are needed more than ever. It is suggested that the Committee continue to hire these persons and to pay them until the work is completed.

The Committee agreed.

4. Furniture:

Mr. Lam Du Tot was not present at the meeting. His plan was presented to the Committee by Mr. Khuc Dan.

Seeing that this plan was the same one carried out at the Faculty of Sciences; the Committee made a visit to the place to see if the furniture there is suitable. After the visit, the Project Manager and Mr. Khuc Dan were assigned to contact Mr. Tot and reconsider the project, according to the recommendations of the Committee on the sizes and prices of the tables and desks. Report shall be made to the Committee in the next meeting.

5. Equipping the Library:

Mr. Emery reported he was considering the problem with Mr. Child and would report to the Committee in the next meeting.

6. Miscellaneous:

The Project Manager, in the last meeting, reported that the acoustic tiles for use in ceiling of the Auditorium costed 250\$ a sq. meter. He gave now more details:

- Materials (paper paste, glycerin etc...)	128\$
- Labor	60\$
- Scaffolding	2\$
- Profits 10o/o	20\$
- Production tax and Income tax (11o/o)	25\$
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Total	250\$

The Committee approved.

The meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.

Secretary,

PHAM DUY SUU

Chairman,

VU QUOC THONG