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I. Civil Service - Personnel - Administrative Organization

An organism of public power, strong and sane, has been realized, in the manner of self-service. All the services are oriented towards a will, that of serving exclusively the country and their compatriots. The abuses of power,

Also, efforts have been made in view of the amelioration of the present situation of the lower-level civil servants.

Concerning the French and other foreign civil servants, their terms of service have been terminated.

Following are the accomplishments realized by the Service of Administrative Organization :

- has carried out transformations of administrative organisms;
- organized the Referendum of 10/23/1955
- carried out the preparatory work for the general elections of the National Assembly.
- re-established the hamlets, villages, and districts in the regions taken in charge by the Government (Xuyen-Loc, Cao-Lanh, Dong-Thap, Long-My, Ca-Mau); 996 villages in South Vietnam were thus consolidated.
- formulated changes of territorial limits of villages, cantons, and districts in such a manner as to adapt them to the military and political situation. (These changes affected 8 areas comprising 48 districts, cantons, and villages,)
- effected the changes of streets names in all the centers;
- controlled and led to a good conclusion the process of foreign exchange;
- put 32 federations and 88 cooperatives on their feet;
- took part in the work of rehabilitation of 413,687 refugees in different areas;
- put into execution the decrees of the government concerning Agrarian Reform.

II. Social life - Security - Information

At the prefecture of Saigon-Cholon, as elsewhere, the police forces were increased.

Also, a national self-defense organization was created: the Civil Guard stationed in the villages, comprising 33,000 men.

Given the state of insecurity in certain areas of the West, mobile teams of Surete agents were instituted, having as a special mission to rapidly annihilate undesirable elements, rebels, and VietMinh communists (VietCong) still infiltrating into the villages, undertaking subversive activities.

On the other hand, the Delegation organized, in the villages, a village militia, the importance of which grows day by day.

At this time, this corps comprises 11,000 persons.

With the aim of perfecting the security work, several other popular groups have been created :

- "Five-family groups" (organized at the instigation of the Department of Interior;
- Civic Action, an organization occupying itself with the education of the working masses, permitting them to progressively better their material status and their morale;
- Popular groups of self-defense charged with security and public health in the villages.

Lastly, recognize the organizations of Communist denunciation, having as their mission the denunciation and extermination of undesirable communist elements which foment trouble and terror.

From the point of view of information post, during 1955 in Saigon-Cholon, 2 large information centers were organized, as well as bureaus of information in each province capital.

Each village also has an information post, directed by a special cadre.

III. Economics- Finances

During the last year, the Delegation has authorized the functioning of :

- 265 rice mills,
- 109 jewelry stores,
- 122 diverse enterprises.

The repression of fraud, of the illicit raising of prices, and of speculation has been very active. 8,177 suits have been entered in court.

Concerning public funds, a policy of economic severity and restriction of extravagant spending has been applied.

IV, Labor - Agrarian Reform

| | <u>1954</u> | <u>1955</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| - Number of commercial enterprises, industries and liberal professions registered | 243 | 1027 |
| - Number of employees registered in the above. | 8031 | 30235 |
| - Number of rubber plantation registered | none | 28 |
| - Labor registered on these plantations. | none | 14146 |

The regulations have been invoked for 1862 social conflicts (Labor disputes?) of which 162 were of importance.

Due to the severe control of organizations by the Inspection of Labor, private business have been enjoined to pay to their employees indemnities for their families, the total of which reached 100 million piasters during 1955.

B/ Agrarian Reform :

The work on agrarian reform was pushed very actively in 1955 due to the devotion of the civil servants in the provinces and due to the efficacious activities of the mobile agrarian reform cadres.

Following the figures on the accomplishment during the past year:

- Contract signed: Category A : 144,000
Category B : 25,000
Category C : 31,000
- Buffalos distributed: 1,760
- Loans granted by Agricultural Credit: 55 million piasters
- Agricultural tools distributed: 543,190

V. Social Action

The struggle against social ills has been vigorously put into effect.

Concerning the aid given to war victims, important sums of money have been given to our compatriots in the provinces of Gia-Dinh, ThuDauMot, LongXuyen, TanAn, SocTrang, Sadec, BaRia, ChauDoc, TayNinh.

In the field of American aid, 75,000 various, necessary objects have been distributed. Among these necessities of life are materials for clothes, mosquito nets, blankets, mats, rice, nuoc-mam, salted fish, salt, etc. . . .

Apart from that, the regional budget allocated subsidies for charitable and beneficent works.

Finally, let us recognize :

1. The creation of pawn-shop to aid workers by lending to them at a reasonable rate of interest;
2. The organization of social weeks.

VI. Public Health - Hygiene

Organized in all the provinces were Public Health mobile units to increase medical care to the rural population, to distribute to them medicines, to inform them about hygiene, and to undertake preventative work against TB and other endemic diseases.

Several sanatoriums and hospitals were constructed; those existing were repaired and enlarged in order to better serve the population. Elsewhere, infirmaries, emergency posts were created everywhere in order to watch over the health of the rural population.

VII. Education - Youth - Sports

Numerous new schools were constructed and those existing repaired.

Courses of popular education against illiteracy, vocational courses, and home economics classes were developed and increased.

Note two innovations :

- Military training in secondary schools.
- Creation of semi-public schools.

On the other side, with a view to perfecting a teaching corps a National Normal school and in-service training courses were opened.

Scholarships given increased to the sum of 5,740, 000 \$.

Concerning the Youth and Sports movements, renovation of these movements was undertaken to revive them. Courses on the formation of cadres were created and youth groups organized everywhere.

Plans for 1956:

- Reconstruction of the Renault Stadium in ChoLon;
- Repairs on the stadiums in the provinces and districts;
- Creation of courses for the training of instructor and cadres for Youth and Sports;
- Creation of vacation centers at VungTau and NhaTrang;
- Creation of a library for the young people;
- Increase of the youth movement in various ways.

VIII. Agriculture - Water and Forest - Animal Husbandry - Cadastre - Fish Culture - Immigration.

A/. Agriculture

- distribution of 534,741 agricultural implements from American aid to 300,000 countrymen
- distribution of 4,247 tons of fertilizer (American Aid)
- Distribution of 24,883 gia of rice seedlings to the refugees; distribution of work buffalos to poor farmers;
- experimented with motorized agriculture at LongXuyen and MyTho
- installation of 21 motor pumps in various provinces;
- distribution of insecticides and DDT;
- distribution of vegetable seeds and development of secondary plant cultures;
- development of greenhouses;
- organization of an exposition of agricultural products at ThuDauMot June 26, 1955.
- realization of the general plan for refugee aid concerning weaving.

B/. Water and Forests

General receipts realized by the Regional Service of Water and Forests: 60,000,000 \$

Work accomplished:

- Permanent station of forest watchers; struggle against brush fires
- 200 hectares plantation of Teck at BienHoa and ThuDauMot;
- Provisional opening for exploitation of forest reserves at BienHoa, TayNinh, and ThuDauMot for the refugees;
- Creation of wood cooperatives;
- Opening of right to cut wood in several areas to those compatriots who have returned home following their previous evacuation;

C/. Animal Husbandry

Work accomplished during 1955:

- Courses to train cadres for Animal Husbandry work;
- Permanent protection of domestic animals. Vaccination against contagious diseases of 36,770 animals.
- Intensification of the activities of the Institute of Veterinary Research;
- Encouragement of animal husbandry (organization of an exposition cattle at ThuDauMot April 16, 1955- organization at TanAn of a day to encourage animal husbandry work on August 6, 1955). Distribution to the population of specimens of various types of pigs, chickens, etc. . . and of tilapias (fish);

Animal Husbandry - cont'd

- Construction of Animal Husbandry centers at Tan-Son-Nhut, TanAn, GoCong, VinhLong, BenTre, Travinh;
- Food supply for the population of Saigon-Cholon
- Opening of a laboratory for the control of food products of Saigon-Cholon.

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Plans for 1956:

- Protection of the animals;
- Reparation and modernization of the slaughter-house at ChanHung;
- Enlargement and modernization of the animal husbandry centers, particularly the one at Tan-Son-Nhut;
- Study on the establishment of an animal husbandry center for bovid on a large scale in the area of Dau-Giay, BienHoa;
- Creation of pasture centers;
- Training of more animal husbandry cadres;
- Reparation of the Jardin Zoologique in Saigon.

D/. Cadastre

Works accomplished:

- Agrarian reform successes;
- Control of rents and buildings from a technical point of view;
- Work on the rebuilding of those sections ravaged by the bloody events of April, 1955;
- Organization of Cadastre offices at TayNinh and ThuDauMot;
- Work on the elaboration and reparation of the plans for the cities;
- Work to reestablish cadastre registration in the villages, notably those ravaged by the war.

E/ Fisheries

Works accomplished:

- Creation of several fish cooperatives;
- Encouragement of fishing, particularly in the areas of VungTau Baria, RachGia, HaTien, BenTre, PhuQuoc, GoCong.
- Statistics on fishing results;
- Aid to the refugee and regional fishermen.

F/ Immigration

The exercise of a more rigid control over the immigration movement of foreigners.

The taxes gained by the delivery of cards of identity to the Chinese inhabitants rose to more than 43,000,000 \$ as against 18,000,000 \$ in 1954.

IX. Public Works

Following is a chart of the work executed during the past year (except that accomplished by the Prefecture) :

| Nature of job | Budget | Cost |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| A Routes: | | |
| - Restoning of interprovincial roads and that of public, No. 4 | South VietNam | 45,451,040 \$ |
| - Asphalt on interprovincial and municipal roads : | South VietNam | 11,191,000 |
| - Restoning interprovincial and municipal roads | Regional | 9,082,000 |
| - Asphalt on interprovincial and municipal roads | Regional | 1,935,870 |
| - Stone and asphalt the new road, National Highway No. 14 at ThuDauMot | American Aid | 8,000,000 |
| - Opening of a road into rehabilitation centers of Xuan-Ninh & Traco(ThuDauMot) and reparation of village roads Nos. 16, 17,18, and 19. | American Aid | 2,705,000 |
| - Reparation of National Highway No,1 to Bien Hoa | American Aid | 5,000,000 |
| - Reparation of the inter provincial road No 24 at Bien - Hoa | American Aid | 2,500,000 |
| - Reparation of the village roads Nos. 15 & 56 at TayNinh | American Aid | 2,550,000 |
| - Restoning and asphalt of public interest road No. 4 Can-Tho, SocTrang, VinhLong. | American Aid | 1,668,800 |
| * Reparation of the road Duong-Dong, Ham-Ninh on the island of PhuQuoc | American Aid | 860,000 |

| Nature of job | Budget | Cost |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| B/ Art works - Ferries | | |
| - Work on the superstructure of a bridge in reinforced concrete at the capital of the province of LongXuyen and the purchase of a Scherzer crane | South VietNam | 3,495, 175 \$ |
| - Work for repairing of ferry at the floating bridge and at the metal bridge at the ferry of MyTho | South VietNam | 500,000 |
| - Work on the bridges of Giong-Queo and Mocay at BenTre. | South VietNam | 570,000 |
| - Construction of colverts on provincial road No. 30 in BenTre | Regional | 990,000 |
| - Repair work on bridges on the village roads. | Regional | 1,976,975 |
| C/ Public Buildings | | |
| - Enlargement of the automobile control office in Saigon | South VietNam | 310,000 |
| - Restoning and asphalt of alleys in the park of the Palace of Independence. | South VietNam | 1,000,000 |
| - Construction of a location for the Archives of the regional delegation. | South VietNam | 1,000,000 |
| Construction of a primary school at MyTho. | South VietNam | 2,090,000 |
| * Construction of a girls' secondary school and an old peoples' home | South VietNam | 550,000 |
| - Large repairs to the public buildings in the province of MyTho | South VietNam | 2,671,000 |

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|---|-----------------|------------|
| * Addition to the Sanatorium at ChauDoc | South VietNam: | 900,000 \$ |
| - Construction of public building in the district of MochHoa (TanAn) | South VietNam : | 600,000 |
| - Construction of the National School of Medecine | American Aid : | 7,027,780 |
| - Construction of a room. | American Aid : | 400,000 |
| - Construction of the National Normal School. | American Aid : | 17,320,000 |
| - Construction of a technical Center at PhuTho(ChoLon) | American Aid : | 6,700,000 |
| - Construction of the School of Applied Arts at GiaDinh. | American Aid : | 3,300,000 |
| - Construction of a maternity hospital at Cailay (MyTho) | American Aid : | 610,000 |
| - Reparation of an office and the waiting room at the Sanatorium of TayNinh. | American Aid : | 235,000 |
| - Construction of a maternity hospital at Mocay(BenTre) | American Aid : | 380,000 |
| - Construction of 2 maternity hospitals at Phung-Hiep and CauKe (CanTho) | American Aid : | 1,000,000 |
| - Construction of a maternity hospital at VungLiem | American Aid : | 500,000 |
| *-Construction of a secondary school at TayNinh. | American Aid : | 2,800,000 |
| - Construction of a primary sehschool at Phuoc-Tuy(Baria). | Regional : | 397,000 |
| - Construction of 2 primary schools at An-Phu-Dong and Cho-Dem and of 21 small apartment for the provincial civil servants in Cholon. | | 3,330,000 |

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|---|-----------|--------------------------|
| * Construction of 2 primary schools at Trung-An and Tan-Hung and of 21 stands (rue Le-Dai-Hanh) | Regional | 945,450 \$ |
| - Construction work of market of Bachieu (GiaDinh) | Village | 4,000,000 |
| - Construction work of market of GoVap (GiaDinh) | Village | 220,000 |
| - Public buildings at PhuNhuan, (GiaDinh) | Village | 680,000 |
| - Public buildings at Phu Tho Hoa (GiaDinh) | Village | 200,000 |
| - Primary school at LongKien, (Baria) | Village | 185,000 |
| - Primary School at LongHai (Baria) | Village | 285,000 |
| - Public buildings at LongHai | Village | 155,000 |
| -Nursery and fish market in VungTau. | Municipal | 545,680 |
| D/ Water-Electricity-Hydrolic Mechanics. | | |
| - Drilling work of the Puits Layne in VungTau. | Municipal | 647,000 |
| - Repair work and modernization of the SocTrang - CanTho boat. | Regional | In process of completion |