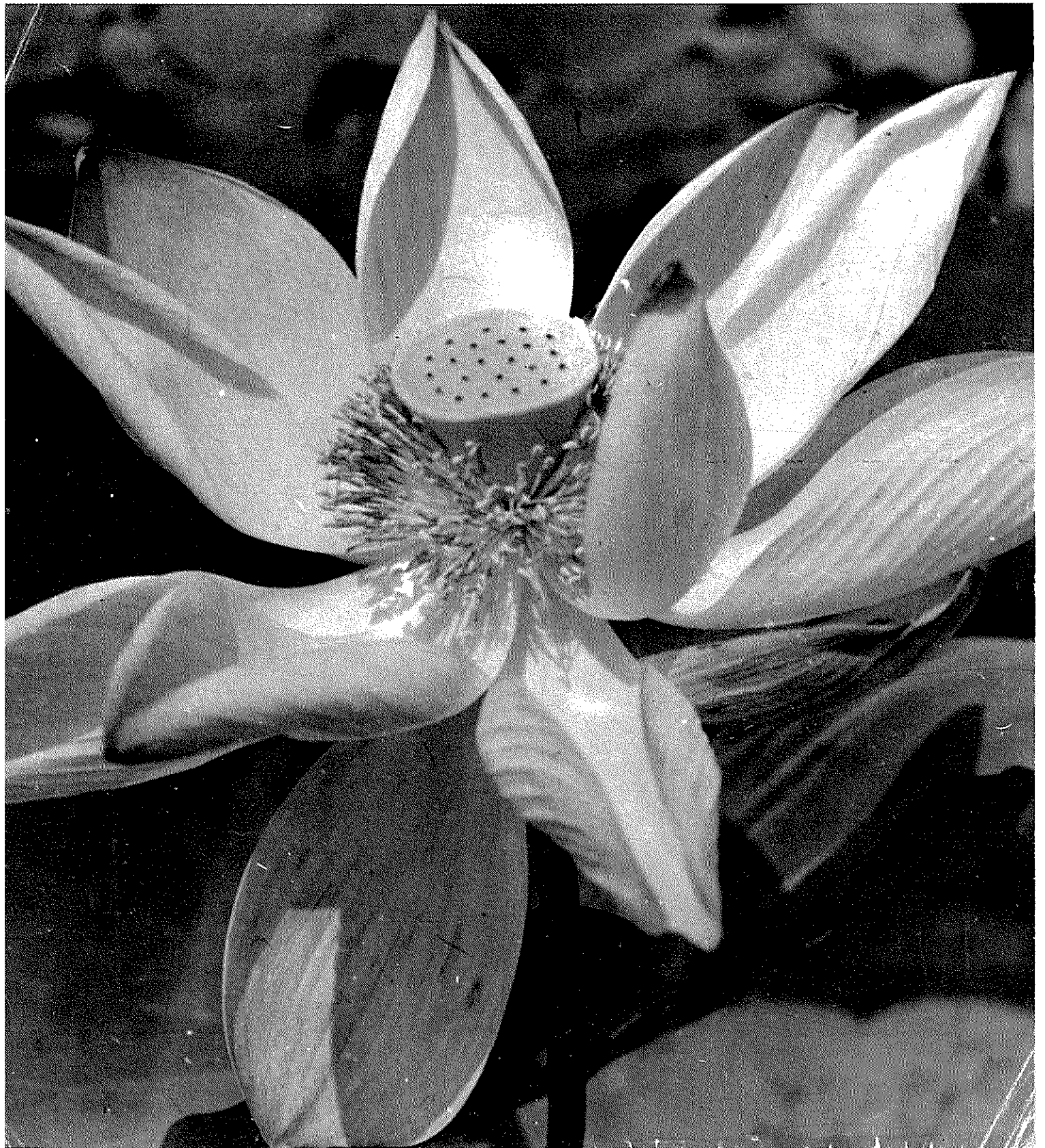


# Sticky Rice



To : All NOV's

Date: January 26, 1979

From : The Grapevine

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There will be a V.D. Party, Saturday February 10 in Khonkaen at the Khonkaen Bowl.

Welcome one and all!

STICKY RICE

January 23, 1979

Happy Chinese New Year!

Last issue, we forgot to give credit for the cover photo. Sarge (Bill) Preston took the photo at the old city of Sukhothai. Sorry for the slip.

Next issue we will have the minutes from the last meeting of the Advisory Council of Thailand.

It will also contain an editorial on editing policy. (This will be my first since I've been doing Sticky Rice.)

We are currently looking for someone to do interviews. Anyone interested please contact us for assignments.

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Linda Dumas

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Dear Editor,

I know there is presently a great deal of interest in traveling to Red China, myself included, by Americans. An ex PCV after going to the Chinese Embassy in Bk. was told to write to the following address for information:

LIASON DEPARTMENT  
CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE  
EAST CHANGAN STREET  
PEKING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

When writing, a person is to include certain basic facts, ie Name, sex, age, nationality and nature of trip (business or tourist.)

I wrote to this address sometime ago but have yet to hear from them. Hopefully other interested PCV's will have better luck than I did. Happy Tee-ooing.

--Bill Rapp-  
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(Late Flash!) Bill tells us that he did finally receive word from them and is prosumedly tee-ooing happily in China.

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FROM THE DEPTHS OF UDORN  
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" IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY"

Once upon a time there was a non-comforming sparrow who decided not to fly South for the winter. However, soon after, the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly South.

In a short time- ice began to form on his wings and he fell to the earth in a barnyard, almost frozen. A cow passed by and crapped on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought that it was the end, but the manure warmed him and thawed his wings.

Thus warm and happy and able to breathe, he started to sing. Just then, a large cat came by and hearing the chirping, investigated, cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate him.

THIS STORY CONTAINS THREE MORALS:

1. Everyone who shits on you is not necessarily your enemy.
2. Everyone who gets you out of shit is not necessarily your friend.
3. And if you are warm and happy in a pile of shit;  
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

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It is not good for the Christian health  
 To hustle the Asian brown  
 For the Christian riles  
 And the Asian smiles  
 And he weareth the Christian down  
 And the end of fight  
 Is a tomb stone white  
 With the name of the late deceased  
 And the epitaph drear  
 A fool lies here  
 Who tried to hurry the East.

R. Kipling

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**TO ALL PCV'S: DUE TO AN ERROR IN THE MAILROOM, ALL PCV'S RECEIVED A LISTING OF TERMINATION PROCEDURES. IF YOUR COS DATE IS AFTER APRIL 30, PLEASE DISREGARD THE LISTING. ONLY THOSE PCV'S WHOSE COS DATE IS APRIL 15 & 30, 1979 WERE TO RECEIVE THE TERMINATION INFORMATION. OUR MISTAKE. SORRY.**

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 NEW SOURCE OF SUPPORT  
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As was printed in the last issue of Sticky Rice, there are several projects now in the working, involving project money available through the Peace Corps. Below, is the third of three projects.

When I first came to Suwannaphum (Roi-Et Province) I was appalled at the lack of food varieties in the local markets. Staple vegetable and fruit foods were all brought in from Khon Kaen or Pakchong. What's more, very few farms here have home vegetable gardens or grow field crops other than rice. Most farmers are interested in growing other crops, but don't, and are very reluctant to try.

Thung Kulla Rong Hai, the name of this Land Development Center Project, translates to mean "The Weeping Prairie". It is a large treeless plain covering some 2 million rai. In the rainy season there are flood waters everywhere making travel in some areas impossible. During the winter and hot seasons there is no rain to speak of and the sandy soil is quickly unable to support any type of crop. Salty soil is also a problem. The water table is fairly high here so many farm ponds and wells are being made. Those farmers who are close to a source of water efficiently and as a result have very low yields.

The people who live here have migrated here from other areas because of land pressure. For the most part they are poor and uneducated. This poor education extends to Agriculture as well-rice yields may double or triple here this year because farmers are just beginning to use fertilizer or insecticide. This lack of self confidence agriculturally is the main reason why farmers here are reluctant to grow other crops and put only half hearted efforts into the ones they do grow. They are totally unaware of the possibilities that do exist. Apathy is the result of ignorance.

The project which I will start here will be funded by 3,000 baht from the Peace Corps. This money will be used to make 2 small wells. In return for this gift of the well farmers utilizing it will be strongly urged to follow advice given by the Land Development Center.

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The wells will be built on or near the property of farmers who are sincerely interested in growing crops during the dry months. Since only a limited amount of land can be irrigated by these small wells intensive farming practices will be followed to utilize land and water to full advantage. Successive croppings of high value vegetable and field crops will be encouraged so that the land is used year round. Farmers may be surprised to find that with proper care much of the soil here is not that bad. Other things covered under this project will be ways of keeping wandering cattle out of the crops and preventing wells from becoming contaminated by insecticides or soaps.

To a farmer who has only grown rice and is used to the plenty which naturally occurs in the paddies in the form of fish, frogs, snails and edible water plants; growing crops during the dry season here requires agricultural knowledge of such a different nature that the farmer is defeated before he starts. After a year of working closely with the people involved in this project they should have enough background to be able to grow vegetables and field crops on their own with a much better chance of success.

Susan Steinberg  
Kulla RongHai Land Development Center

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P.S.

My movie camera is still up for sale.  
FOR SALE -- ALMOST CHEAP (INEXPENSIVE)  
ROLLEI MOVIE CAMERA 6X ZOOM WITH MACRO VERY GOOD CONDITION.  
3500 Baht (O.N.O.)

Contact: Tom Owens  
Banglamoong Boys Home  
Banglamoong Cholburi

AND, you will also want to  
see your movies:  
SANKYO Super 8mm projector  
excellent condition- 2,000Bht  
(O.N.O.)

THANKS.....

Dear Dewey,

I would find it most useful if you or someone else could compile a list of hotel prices in Bk. for Peace Corps Volunteers. Many of the hotels - Liberty, Golden Horse, etc. -- have raised their rates too much. Perhaps you could look into a couple of new spots, where the price is better. After you've compiled a price list it could be then published in Sticky Rice. Thanks, David Meyer

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 BUTTON HOLE PUNK GOES HOME  
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This is gonna be a little long, but it was Home Leave. Some impressions.....Champagne! They bring me Champagne! I got jazz with Dizzy Gillespie on trumpet in the earphones and I got Northwest Orient with me on Champagne!

But then after midnight with a drying half-gallon of California Burgandy, I sit at Margo's Hawaiian desk in a room comfortable and quiet because of the carpet. I've made it this far intact. Ghosts of ants nibble and creep on my skin. There are no mosquitos here. The trade winds blow them all away. Haven't seen a dog all day.

It's still here everyone. Bookstores bigger than Chaineese restaurants. Rock music radio stations that dont play John Denver. Tee Vee. Traffic that moves. Washing machines.

"They had floods over there? I thought that was the Phillipines."

"What do you do at night over there in Thigh-land?"

Crumb cake. Lousy bananas. Douglas Firs on the west coast. Clean air in the cities. Hundreds of high radio station antennae, slowly blink their big, red, friendly lights at night above the swamps. Americans are polite too. Tangerines, apple cider. Skin on Tee Vee. Hot water and crazy people. And you think you know why they're crazy.

My luck had been wonderful--planes werent crashing, cars and trucks werent running into me on the highways, the money was sitting pretty and seeing the folks was grand. All, in fact, was grand until Terry Madden got up on this particular Wednesday morning, walked over to the bathroom in our hotel room, stopped before turning the light on and said to me, Why's this door open?

The door's open?

Hey, your wallet's on the floor!

There anything in it?! I had 6 dollars left!

No cash! Just some cards.

Then i shot up in a suspended state of some kind and made a dash for the table-top to see what was left. Did they get the camera? The zoom? The travellers checks? The OTHER travellers checks? In the leather bag? Jeeze the bags! Did they get the bags? The search was fast. Strangely enough, nearly evorthing was still there! All that was missing was a folder of travellers checks and of all things, my clean pair of dungarees. They got my beloved bluejeans. Bought and sewn in Phitsanuloko in the old days. And the 6 dollars cash. Big hit. And I had to catch a plane to Tokyo in 2½ hours. We did a fast packing job and split. And on our way to the stairway to go downstairs and check out, we find the dungarees stuffed underneath the ice machine down at the end of the hall.

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I made the flight out with a 35 minute stop-over coming up in Honolulu. Or so I thought. It turned out that my plane had fan blade troubles that were really ball-bearing troubles and as a result wasn't flyable. But they had this LA--Tokyo plane that followed us in and was OK and they decided to crank us up to get on that one. It had plenty of empty seats. So after we had been herded out of the Frisco plane, herded back in and then back out again, we were herded into the LA plane. We sat down and were there for about 10 minutes--a full plane now-- and got herded back out again, everybody with the hand luggage and the giant plastic bags of duty-free booze. This plane, they told us a few hours later, had flap problems. This plane's flaps froze UP on the way down and are still up. Flaps up, Punk down--for 5 hours until they decided to a) take a fan-blade, bearings and all, from the flap jet and b) cock up a whole plane load of dinners again because the original dinners had been sitting in both jets for 5 hours now. After dark we finally got off the ground and I watched that outside engine with the fan-blade, from my seat window through the climb, the dinner, the movie, 7 or 8 rounds of country music on the stereo all the through to the approach and landing in Japan 9 hours later, and that mother throw sparks the whole way.

The next day when I got to Hong Kong, I checked my bags and split for downtown with my money in my shoe. I was off to buy a tape deck and a classical guitar. I ended up in some AIWA showroom and then down the way a bit to the outlet where I laid money down for this beautiful piece of technology. Buttons, switches, dials like on a computer control panel, 9.8 watts, it can drive a turntable, woofers and tweeters, short-wave radio bands and rabbit ear antennae, double decible needle motors for recording in stereo and a roll-bar! to protect the taping buttons from breaking off when you knock the machine over. It can by-pass time and place for the ear. I want to sleep with it playing collo music. It's the closest thing in machinery that I got to a car (which I don't got).

Getting on the plane to take me back to Bangkok I only had 3 things to worry about, 1) the plane not crashing, 2) the stuff showing up at the baggage claim intact and 3) getting it all through customs. On the plane then with all these worries bearing down on me and occupying my thoughts, I curled up under a blanket and slept all the way. They didn't even offer me a dinner. By and by the plane begins its descent into Bangkok down there on the ground. All I gotta do is get down on to it too. And then I did. Right through immigration I went. Up to the baggage claim I strode, and after a substantial wait, out come the luggage, the tape deck, the guitar--everything was right there calmly going around in circles. The guitar and the tape deck boxes were sitting there so pretty. The only thing separating me now from the loving arms of my wife and both of us bathing in vibrant music from the tape deck of the century was the Royal Thai Customs Department Clam-bake and my brand new 9.8 watt AIWA Alaskan King tape-deck Clam.



130% tax they charge on tape decks, Tee Vees, radios, vidios, golf clubs and what not. Look man, I'm just a Peace Corps Volunteer. They got no money in the foreign aid budget earmarked for tax revenues on mesely old tape decks.

If you dont have any money then howd you buy this? I had money until I bought it. I dont make ~~fu~~ Baht. Gimmo a break, Look it doubles as a first-aid kit and a roommato. I'm leaving in 4 months. I aint a resident. I'm a Peace Corps Volunteer like I said. There's even a song about me. Come on. Lemmo have my tape deck, wouldja?

No can do.

They want me to cough up 4 or 5 thousand baht--more than the price of the machine and then some. I said no way Jack I aint. And so did they.

It then sat all so lonesome and blue out there in the dark closet with all the other dumb machines, boxos and golf clubs. Never even got a chance to play. Like me in the little league. But it aint there now. It sits somewhere in the labrinths of Heng Kong playing until April when I finally leave Thailand, and go in there to pick it up on the way home.

Baby, you been gone so long  
Baby, you been gone so long  
I just tried so hard but they made me do you wrong.

Home Leave II, got it while it's hot and then knock yourself out.

----Happy New Year to all the readers  
from Campbell

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTERN PROGRAM -- SUMMER 1980

If you hold a graduate degree in agricultural economics, economics, education administration, finance, business administration, nutrition or public health, or urban development/ regional planning...or! an undergraduate degree in accounting, agriculture, rural sociology or engineering (public works, environment, water resources and related work) with, preferably, one year's professional experience--

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Washington, D. C. 20523

(Please Post)

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 \*AGRICULTURAL WORKSHOP  
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On September 9, 1978 a northern region agriculture workshop was held in Lampang for all agriculture volunteers who are working in the northern provinces. A few months prior to this date, Fred Sheil (FCV-A.R.D. fisheries) Dave Eckman (PCV-Adult Education, Appropriate Technology), and Dale Domres (VSO-D.L.D. Extension Unit Lampang) had discussed the possibilities of such a workshop. We decided to go ahead and hold the workshop in Lampang to see what would result from the venture. We sent out 23 letters to volunteers who were located in the northern region asking them to attend the informal workshop. Of the 23 volunteers invited, 17 of them were present at the workshop. The workshop had representatives from Peace Corps, CUSO, GUS. We also had one individual from a private academic foundation, one individual with religious affiliations, and one individual from a self-enclaved development project (Larry Rose for those of you who know him.) I would list all of the volunteers who attended this workshop, but this article already sounds like something out of the National Enquirer.

The objectives of the Agriculture workshop were;

1. To bring volunteers from different volunteer agencies together to discuss their experiences.
2. To share resource materials, personal contacts, sources of funding, etc.
3. To discuss ongoing projects of volunteers, as well as problems, frustrations, and successes.
4. Invite veteran volunteers to help the newly arrived volunteers to better understand the processes of working within the Thai system.

As a general introduction each volunteer gave a short explanation of his work which was followed by a short group discussion. The introduction served the purpose of letting people know each others field of work. After lunch break, Mel Blitzer (VSO-YMCA Chiang Mai) gave a short presentation of his Revolving Rural Loan Fund Project which he set up under the auspices of the Chiang Mai YMCA. Mel's presentation set the pace for a discussion of funding and sources of funds for projects. In the late afternoon, addresses of resource material (Eg. libraries, bookstores, etc) contact personal, and market places of where to purchase seeds, rhizabium, and chemicals were all written on the blackboard so everyone could make up his own resource list.

The day ended by having everyone in the group fill out a short survey questionnaire and then write down comments about the work shop.

From the comments at the end of the workshop we received 3 unanimous answers and one ununanimous answer. 1. Everybody felt the workshop was very worthwhile. 2. Everyone felt that it should be longer. One day is just not enough time for 17 volunteers to get to know each other. Future meetings should be held 2-3 days depending on the topics to be discussed and the size of the group. 3. Everyone felt that a national workshop of different volunteer agencies would be very worthwhile, and should be organized in the near future.

We came to some disagreement on the ideas of Thai host nationals being invited. The majority of the workshop felt Thai host nationals should be invited, but it was a close majority. The major problem being that of which

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language to be used. Since the main objective of a meeting of this nature is to help new volunteers, english should predominate. This could be a problem for some Thai host nationals, but I feel its a problem that could be worked out. Another reservation to inviting Thai host nationals was that many volunteers felt they would not be able to speak freely. This could be overcome by having part of the workshop for volunteers only, so they could freely speak their mind without offending anyone. The Thai host nationals can show us a different way of viewing a problem, and provide valuable information, plus allow them to see that we as volunteers are sincere in our efforts. Our contacts with the Thai host nationals would provide much needed lines of communications.

For those possibly interested in holding a similar workshop in their own region here are a few suggestions from A. Surat. 1. Mr. Surat may not be able to come. 2. Individual PCV supervisors should not be informed of the nature of your visit to whatever town the meeting is being held in. Our meeting was very informal and set up within a month's time. We were operating under time constraints imposed by several volunteers leaving the country in October. Because of these time constraints there wasn't enough time to officially notify each supervisor by letter. Some supervisors would be very suspicious of any large volunteer meeting without official notification. Mr. Surats coming to the workshop would give the look of official peace corps business, thus some supervisors might think Peace Corps purposely did not inform him. All this misunderstanding could cause many future problems. Such is the workings of government.

For a first fledgling attempt at such an information exchange agriculture workshop, I felt we were reasonably successful in attaining our objectives. I was pleased at the number of people who attended the workshop, and would like to thank them for their interest shown. Everyone present at the workshop had an open minded interest in learning new ideas and discussing problems, therefore the workshop did not turn into a "Bitch Session." ( We saved that for later.)

To give credit where credit is due, and assure everyone that I am "Still deadwood" I plagiarized part of this article from an article Dale Domres wrote for his CUSO newsletter.

Your PCV in Lampang,  
Fred Sheil

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CAMER FOR SALE- Rolleiflex SL35m (35mm), f: 1.8 hand-ground Zeiss Planar lens. Pro model, black body. Case, wide strap, assorted filters, lens and body caps. Plus adaptor for using Fentax mount lenses. Owner's manual, etc. 12,000ht new --sell 7,000.

--Thom Morallo--  
Chonburi Hospital  
Chonburi

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TRAVEL

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Dewey,

.....this is the best tour service in Chiang Mai, and is highly recommended by all the local yocal. Mr. Tee lived with P.C. Volunteers for more than 5 years while he was a student.

Tom Owens

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CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

Harvard University  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy School  
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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

November 15, 1978

Director, Peace Corps  
c/o U.S. Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear (Peace Corps) Director:

Can you suggest the names of some very capable candidates for Harvard's Public Policy Program? We are looking for future leaders--men and women who have outstanding character, an ability to handle complexity, and strong quantitative ability. We would love to find some excellent students with backgrounds in agricultural economics, public health, education, community development, and related fields.

Our curriculum is broad and decision-oriented. Students are required to study economic theory, but the core curriculum also includes systems analysis, statistical methods, political and bureaucratic analysis, and public management. The approach to all these subjects is rigorous. However, instead of pure theory or arid typologies, applications are emphasized, often in the form of detailed case studies that place the student in the decisionmaker's role. One required course is a workshop devoted to the integration of analytical techniques and managerial skills, using actual examples of policy problems at the local, national, and international levels.

After the first year's core curriculum, students specialize in any of a number of policy areas (such as agriculture, health, energy, or education), or they may pursue studies in international development. Students are free to draw upon any of the resources at Harvard, including the Harvard Institute for International Development, the Population Center, area centers devoted to the major regions of the world, the professional schools, and the faculty of arts and sciences. The Master of Public Policy is awarded after two years, with the option of continuing on to a Ph.D. in Public Policy thereafter. Joint degree with the Schools of Law, Business, and Medicine are also offered.

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 LETTER: To Whom It May Concern....(con't.)  
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Peace Corps Volunteers have the technical qualifications for understanding complex issues in these areas. Our program provides the analytic techniques and managerial skills needed to solve policy problems. Please help us find the future leaders who can combine this knowledge and these tools.

Fellowships based on need are available for outstanding candidates.

A copy of our latest catalogue is enclosed. If I can provide you with any further information, Please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(signed)

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Robert E. Klitgaard  
 Chairman, Admissions Committee

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NOTICE

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NOTICE OF THE UPCOMING 1979 VOLUNTEER  
 ACTIVITY SURVEY

Sometime in early February you will be receiving the 1979 Volunteer Activity Survey from Peace Corps/ Washington. It builds on information provided by volunteers in previous annual Surveys. The past surveys have been worthwhile to various users throughout Peace Corps and represent the major opportunity for volunteers, as a group, to provide their most organized and interpretable voice into Washington's annual Spring planning and budgeting exercises. This year's survey is being sent out about two months earlier than last year's in order to ensure sufficient time for analyzing and reporting volunteer responses in time for these exercises.

As with earlier surveys, the 1979 Survey will be attempting to provide an accurate picture of what volunteers are doing in their work and communities overseas. It will focus on describing the types of tasks volunteers perform, the roles they fulfill, the variety of institutions they serve and the recipients they reach. There will also be a section on how you view the level of basic needs among the host recipients your work reaches and how well you feel important programming steps, such as site surveys and briefing of supervisors, have been carried out by staff.

Last year's Survey had an excellent response from volunteers. We hope the 1979 Survey will be equally well received.