

\$15 Million Educational Plan With Cambodia Discontinued

EUGENE — The \$15 million educational project between the University of Oregon and the Cambodian government is being discontinued at the request of that country.

Dr. J. Francis Rummel, professor of education at the University, who has been in Cambodia for about a month as Chief of Party for the project, was scheduled to leave the small Southeast Asian country Thursday.

In a letter to Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the School of Education, Dr. Rummel wrote that on Nov. 20 the Cambodian government served official notice on the American Embassy that it does not want any more U.S. aid or technical advice.

Since that time, all divisions of the U.S. Agency for International Development have been making withdrawals "as rapidly and orderly as possible," he wrote.

Provided for Teachers

The project, financed by the USAID, would have provided for American teachers, Cambodian participants and equipment for six years. Construction of the Kimer-American Friendship School, a secondary school at Phnom Penh (capital of Cambodia) and a teachers education center at Siem Reap had already begun.

Some 50 participants for training as future teachers in Cambodia would have been sent to the University for specialized training. The first group of nine arrived in Eugene Sept. 11 for a two-year training period.

Now their future is uncertain. Authorities in Washington, D.C., have reassured the UO that funds would be available for the nine to continue their training at the University for the remainder of the academic year if

the Cambodian government allows them to remain here.

Thus far, no official word has reached the University in regard to the nine students' departure.

Are Losing Interest

Some of the Cambodians, anticipating the end of their education in the U.S., are losing interest in their studies, and most are reluctant to discuss their opinions of the situation. Kim Sillon, unofficial spokesman for the group, said they would be "very sorry" if they had to return to Cambodia. "People here are very ready to help us . . .

very friendly. But if our government recalls us, we must obey."

For Dr. Rummel, his wife, Mary, and son, Larry, leaving a foreign country in a hurry is nothing new. They were evacuated from Egypt during the Suez crisis in October, 1956, while he was assigned by the U.S. Department of State to Libya. He was to assist in development of higher education facilities and teacher training program.

This time, however, they may be living out of a suitcase a lot longer. Due to their recent ar-

ival in Cambodia (about a clothing has not reached them month ago), much of their household goods and winter sions reach the U.S. Embassy

in Hong Kong or Phnom Penh, and are re-routed back to Eugene, it will be about March,

the professor writes. Meanwhile, they'll make-do with tropical clothing.

Before returning to the University, Dr. Rummel plans to stop at Katmandu, Nepal, and

Delhi, India, where he will visit with former UO students. Other stopovers will be in Europe and in Washington, D.C., where the UO-Cambodian contract will be terminated. He is expected back in Eugene the first part of the year.



HAS HEART SURGERY—Ioannis Foskolos, 9, of Athens, Greece, sitting in a wheelchair during a news conference in Minneapolis, Minn., gets a kiss from his mother, Harekilia. The boy underwent open heart surgery at the University of Minnesota for correction of a large ventricular defect. The patient was in surgery for 7½ hours and is reported in good condition. He is expected to be released from the U of M Hospital soon. (UPI)



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Forest Supervisor C.E. Brown reported the high bid totaled \$50,368. Forest Service appraised price was \$50,140.

Next high bidder in the oral auction was Olson-Lawyer Lumber, Inc., Medford. Other bidder was Kogap Manufacturing Co.

Timber in the unit consisted of 480,000 board feet of Douglas-fir bid at \$28.25 per thousand, 760,000 board feet of pines bid at \$38.25 per thousand, and 730,000 board feet of white fir and other species bid at \$10.60 per thousand.

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Frank Dolenshek of Trail was high bidder for 420,000 board feet in the Ginko Blowdown area, Union Creek District. The high bid totaled \$13,456.25. Forest Service appraised price was \$9,366.50.

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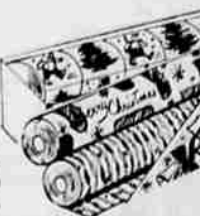
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