KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

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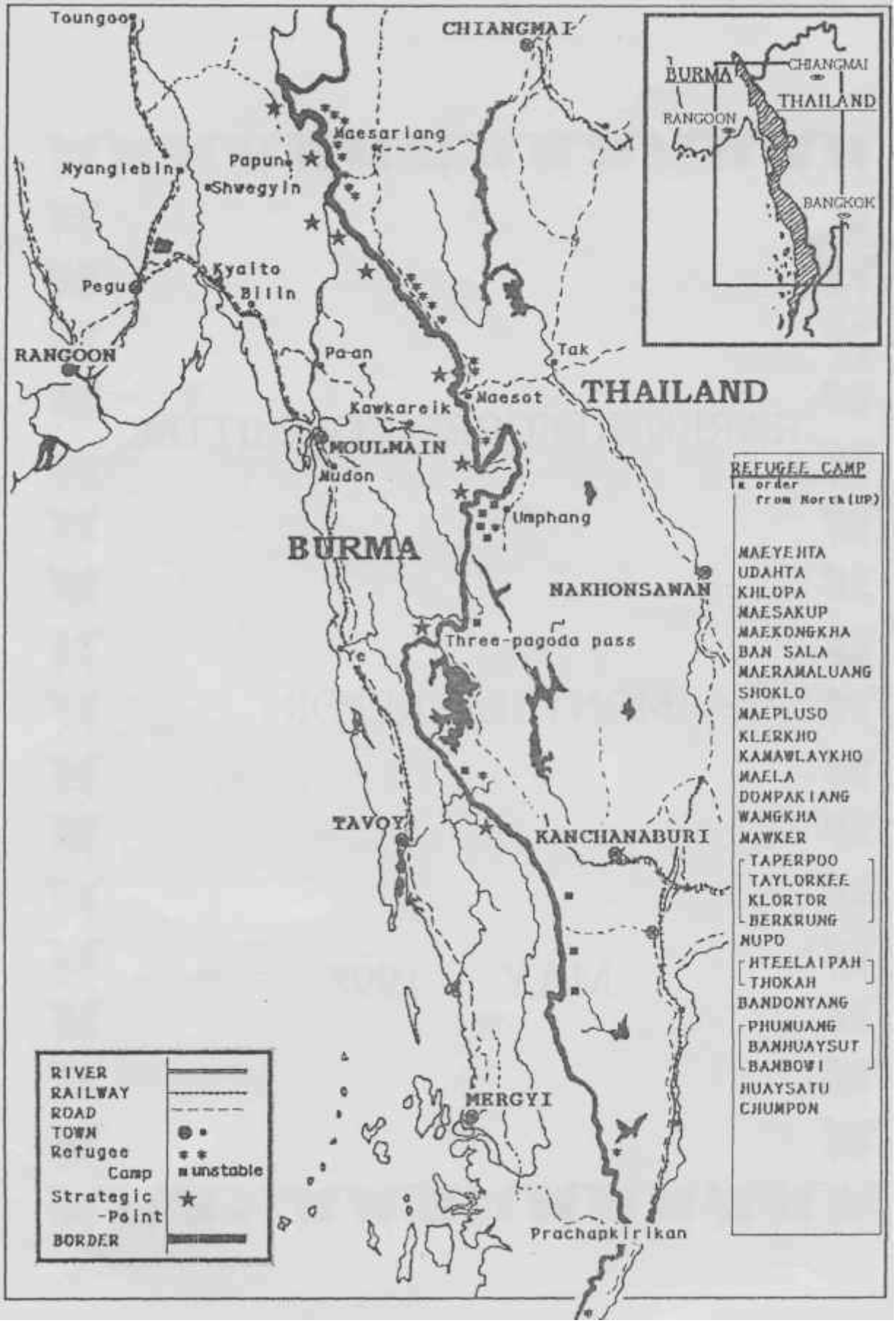
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REFUGEE CAMP
in order from North (UP)
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The month of May, the height of summer is the hottest time of the year. It is also the beginning of the rainy season, when the monsoon is starting to manifest its power. But, by this end of May, there is still as yet, no decision made for refugees at Wang Kha and Maw Ker to be relocated.

These two refugee camps were attacked and burnt in March 1998, and the understanding is that these camps will be relocated to a site with better security. There was talk of relocation to a new site or to another camp but a definite authoritative decision has still yet to be made. Substantial time and energy was given by the NGOs. (MSF, BBC, SMRU, ZOA, H.I.) and KRC to look for suitable new relocation sites. Five sites were visited and assessed and some were found to be acceptable. But for varying reasons, permission for relocation is still pending.

Meanwhile, concern is rising for these camp people, regarding especially on health matters.With alternating intense heat and heavy showers, there is no doubt that these people will be facing great hardships, considering that they have very little protection against the impending weather onslaught. We, the KRC have come to realize that we have very limited influence with regard to addressing the problems of refugees.

However, we understand the difficulties faced by the authorities concerned to make decisions regarding relocation of these camps.

Our appreciation goes out to the NGOs who are always ready to help our people with whatever material need. For until orders are forthcoming for relocation of these camps, our people would need some semblance of protective shelters against the elements.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS		5-12 YRS		Under 5 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE SOT AREA	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1495	2873	2712	901	788	451	464	8189
	Mae La Mae La T.B (Clinic) Prosthesis Workshop	4943	10192	9294	4319	3995	1524	1579	30903 100 20
	Maw Ker	1349	3045	2617	799	715	616	600	8392
		7787	**16110**	**14623**	**6019**	**5498**	**2591**	**2643**	**47604**
NORTH	Mae Ra Ma Luang	1223	2441	2152	949	757	494	503	7296
	Khun Mae Kong Kha And Sa La	1838	3599	3275	1278	1252	691	782	10877
		3061	6040	**5427**	**2227**	**2009**	**1185**	**1285**	**18173**
S O U T H	Noh Po	1706	3275	2757	1208	1159	609	618	9626
	Ban Don Yang	317	348	389	271	234	129	117	1488
	Tham Him	1657	2346	2388	1040	1023	663	729	8189
	Hti Yo Ki	204	264	291	106	73	93	101	928
	Kho Thay Lu	70	77	85	22	16	36	44	280
		3954	**6310**	**5910**	**2647**	**2505**	**1530**	**1609**	**20511**
	Grand Total	**14802**	**28460**	**25960**	**10893**	**10012**	**5306**	**5537**	**86288**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH.

FROM	Rice 100kg sacks	Salt Kilos	F-paste 16kg tins	Yellow Bean Kilos	Mosquito Net Single size Pcs	Mosquito Net Pcs	Chilies Kilos	Cooking Oil 13.75 liter tins	Cooking Fuel Kg.
BBC	11,788	30,800	3,996	107770	1000	19050	4345	5349	Bamboo charcoal 198060 Sawdust: log 360920
BBC				"					

ICS - Asia and ZOA

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED.

CAMP	ITEMS								
	Rice	Salt	F-paste	Yellow Bean	Mosquito Net	Mosquito Net	Chilies	Cooking Oil	Cooking Fuel
Wang Kha	1231	3150	528	11100	-	-	-	552	Bamboo charcoal 43170 kg
Mae La	4988	12450	2064	43500	600	11700	-	2156	Bamboo charcoal 154890 kg
Maw Ker	1326	3400	564	11880	200	3200	-	590	Sawdust log 40920 kg
Noh Poe*	*4565	*11800	*840	*41220	200	4150	*4345	*2051	**Sawdust log 320000 kg
KRC/MSF	28								

*For the months of September, October and November. **For the months of: June - November.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED:-

From ICS - Asia for Mae La and Wang Kha camps schools.

1. Note-book	146082 books	19. Paper cardboard	316 pcs.	37. Marker (red)	176 pcs.
2. Pen	44340 pes.	20. Tape	43 pcs	38 Marker (blue)	176 pcs.
3 Pencil	91416 pcs	21. Pencil Sharpener	78 pcs.	39. Stencil stylus	14 sets
4. colour pencil	5504 pcs.	22. Register book	26 books	40 Football (small)	55 pcs,
5 Drawing book	11930 pcs.	23. Graph book	1591 books	*A* 1 Foster of animal	89 pcs
6. Ruler	14378 pcs.	24. Bell	9 pcs.	42 FosteT of ABC	84 pcs
7. Rubber	14267 pcs.	25. File	23 dozens	43.Blackboard	95 pcs
8. Colour book	5600 pcs.	26. Carbon paper	9 boxes	44. Brush	20 pcs
9. ABC writing	6000 pcs.	27. English number	54 pcs.	45. Enamel	32 pcs.
l0.Chalk	6034 boxes	28, Caneball	59 pcs.	46. Mat	125 pcs.
11.Colour Chalk	131 boxes	29. Caneball net	24 pcs.	47. Plate	1000 pcs
12 Duster	436 pcs.	30. Football (big)	*46*pcs	48. Spoon	1000 pcs
13, A 75 paper	1149 reams	31. Volley Ball	49 pcs.	49. Cup	1000 pcs
14. Stencil	112 boxes.	32. Volley Net	19 pcs	50. Bowl	1000 pcs.
15. Writing plate	31 pcs	33. Rubber ring	36 pcs	51 Cooler	30 pcs
16. Duplication ink	157 tubes	34. Correction	99 bottles	52. Stapler	59 pcs
17. Staple pin	27 dozens	35. Stamp pad (red)	9 pcs.	53. Stamp pad (blue)	9 pcs
18. Punch	60 pcs.	36. World Map	14 pcs.		

From ZOA for Noh Po camp schools: -

Set 1. Kindergarten =800 sets.
Set 2. Primary = 550 sets.
Set 3. Middle/High/teacher = 450 sets.
Set 4. Per Classroom = 63 sets.

Set 1.		Set 2.		Set 3	
Note-books (80 pages	10 pcs.	Note-book (80 pages)	15 pcs.	Note-book (80 pages)	24 pcs.
Pencil	8 pcs	Pencil	1 dozen	Pencil	6 pes
Colour pencil 1doz.pack)	1 packet	Ball pen (blue)	6 pcs	Ball pen (blue)	1 dozen
Drawing book	2 pcs	Ruler (PVC)	1. pc	Ruler (PVC)	1 pc
Coloring book	1 pc	Eraser (pencil)	2 pcs	Eraser (pencil)	1 pc
ABC practice book	1 pc				
Ruler (PVC)	1pc.				

Set 4.

Paper (A4/ white)	2 pks	Red pens	5 pcs
Poster paper (50 x 70cm	10 sheets	Plastic Files	10 pcs
Chalk (small boxes)	10 boxes.	Duplication ink	1 tube.
Glue	1 bottle	Correcting fluid	1 bottle
Stapler	1 pc.	Carbon paper	1 packet
Staple pins	1 box	Duster	1 pc
Scots Tape (2 inch)	2 pcs.		