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We have come safely through another month and we are sincerely grateful to all parties concerned for the help and support each has given in various ways to see the refugees through this difficult time.

Fighting in the Dargwin area has shifted away from the border but it is reported that Burmese troops are still dug in on some hills still very close to the Salween river which, there, forms the border between Burma and Thailand. Some villagers have gone back across the border but the situation could not really be considered as safe for them to stay. 124 families comprising of 638 people are still on the Thai side of the border at Mae Tay Hta and Thi Roh Hta. Supplies have been sent to them for the rainy season.

The rainy season sets in but the situation in general has remained very little changed. Occasional Burmese bombardment on the Karen position of Kaw Moo Ra continues. Elsewhere along the Moei river and in other parts of the border it is relatively quiet.

We have more now arrivals in most of the Karen refugee camps during the month. Life for Karen civilians in the war zones inside Burma is very hard. For some, it has become totally impossible to stay on and so they come to the refugee camps for refuge, for food and shelter.

Sa Nay Pong camp in Sangklaburi district and Ta Kong camp in Pranburi district are quite well established now. CCT and COERR provide aid to the refugees there also.

NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS.								
CAMP	No. of Families	Over 12 Yrs.		5 - 12 Yrs.	Under-5 Yrs.			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	TOTAL
WANG KA	669	718	1201	411	406	203	220	3159
DON PA KIANG	417	720	742	205	205	189	151	2212
MAE LA	733	672	1180	491	520	177	164	3204
KAMAW LAY KHO	458	680	823	284	260	128	166	2341
KLER KHO	310	584	563	213	183	84	92	1719
SHO KLO	1170	1828	2359	661	619	359	389	6215
MAE TA WAW	430	625	808	364	371	160	158	2486
MAW KER	805	1488	1334	339	330	335	333	4159
	4992	7315	9010	2968	2894	1635	1673	25495
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	37	45	16	23	326
KA HTEE HTA	86	129	145	62	51	28	21	436
	5139	7539	9265	3067	2990	1679	1717	26257
S NAY PONG	60	78	85	35	38	28	25	289
TA KONG								615
								27161
MAE TAY HTA )								638
THI ROH HTA )								

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM: -		
- CONSORTIUM OP CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	2637	sacks
- INTERAID,THAILAND (ICA)	330	"
- CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	396	"
- LUTHERAN CHURCH ( USA )	<u>28?</u>	"
	<u>3648</u>	"

CCA has also provided 680 sacks of rice and 130 bags of salt for the refugee group at Mae Tay Hta and Thi RoH Hta estimated to last then until October 1990.

Distribution of rice received

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Rice Needed</u>	<u>Rice Supplied</u>
WANG KA	491	436
DON PA KIANG	340	298
MAE LA	506	474
KAMAW LAY KHO	366	320
KLER KHO	272	229
SHO KLO	97 3	934
MAE TA WAW	388	349
MAW KER	638	<u>608</u>
		3648 sacks
DARGWIN group (for 5 months)		<u>680</u>
		4328 sacks

Other items received

Consortium of Christian Agencies (CCA)			
		Fish Paste ...	1201 tins
		Salt ...	202 bags
Inter Aid (ICA)	-	Fish Paste ...	135 tins

Distribution of other items received

<u>Camp</u>	<u>F. Paste</u>	<u>Salt</u>
Wang Ka	165	25
Don Pa Kiang	115	18
Mae La	170	26
Kamaw Lay Kho	121	18
Kler Kho	39	13
Sho Klo	329	50
Mae Ta Waw	126	19
Maw Ker	221	33
	<u>1336</u>	<u>202</u>

Dargwin group (for 5 months)salt-130 bags (7 kg./bag)

The committee is sincerely grateful to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness towards the displaced Karen refugees who are in trouble and need. This manifestation of kindness and goodwill will always be remembered and cherished by the Karen refugees and the Karen people.

The committee also is sincerely grateful to all our benefactors for the many help and support they have given to make life easier for the refugees.

We hope that the election which has been successfully held in Burma will bring about changes in the country that will make it possible for the Karen refugees to go back to their homeland and live peacefully once more without worry and without fear.

May God bless all of you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Htwe', is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Htwe  
Chairman,  
Karen Refugee Committee

