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- BEN DA, U.S.A. 16 mm, color, \$85 rent. David Hogoboom, 338 Flax Rd, Norwalk, CT 06854. (203) 866-8197. Documentary film showing the the Vietnamese lifestyle in transition, against the backdrop of the fishing grounds of Rockport, TX.
- BAMBOO CITY. color, 28 minutes, 1980. Video (purchase) Public Information Service, UNHCR, UN Headquarters, New York, NY 10017. (212) 963-7602. Beginning of Khao I Dang refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodia border.
- BECOMING AMERICAN. Iris Films and Video, 1982, 59 minutes, color, 16mm and video. Purchase: New Day Films, 22 Riverview Dr., Wayne NJ 04770. (201) 633 0212. Excellent introduction to the Hmong, both background and refugee experiences; follows a family from Nam Yao to Seattle, WA. Also available in 30 minute version.
- BEST PLACE TO LIVE. Ralph Rugoff and Peter O'Neill, Best Place Video, 1982, 55 minutes, color, video. Rental/purchase: Interlock Media Associates, 221 Massachusetts Avenue, PO Box 603, Boston, MA. A look at life in the United States for Hmong refugees, and the conflicts encountered in adjusting.
- BETWEEN TWO WORLDS: THE HMONG SHAMAN IN AMERICA. Taggart Siegel and Kati Johnston, Siegel Productions, 1985, color, video, 28 minutes. Rental: \$40. PO Box 6123, Evanston, IL 60202. Documentary video about the ancient traditions and rituals which the Hmong have brought with them to America. Shows beliefs and practices of people caught between two worlds: rural Laos and downtown Chicago.
- BITTERSWEET SURVIVAL. Third World Newsreel. 16 mm or 3/4" video for rent, \$65. Purchase, specify 1/2" video size. 335 West 38th Street, 5th floor, New York, NY 10018, (212)947-9277.
- BLUE COLLAR AND BUDDHA. 1988. Taggart Siegel and Kati Johnston, Siegel Productions, PO Box 6123, Evanston, IL 60202, \$200 purchase, \$40 rental. Juxtaposes the Lao refugee community, building a Buddhist temple in Rockford, Illinois, with the locals at a neighborhood drinking establishment. Contains unedited language, possibly too profane for classroom use, but brings forth all the usual stereotyped and derogatory statements.
- CBS REPORTS: THE BOAT PEOPLE. CBS News, January 1979. 50 minutes, video, color, \$375. Ms. Dolores Sura, CBS News, 524 West 57th St, New York, NY 10019.
- CA DAO, THE FOLK POETRY OF VIETNAM, 9 min, 1984, color, video, Penn State University, AV Services, Special Services Bldg, University Park, PA 16802. \$90 buy, \$11 rent. (814) 865-6314. Traditional scenes, girl playing musical instruments.
- CAMBODIA, THIS SHATTERED LAND. ABC-TV documentary, 60 minutes. Rental \$50 from Asia Resource Center, PO Box 15275, Washington, DC 20003. (202) 547-1114.
- CAMBODIA: YEAR ZERO and CAMBODIA: YEAR ONE. Commercially available video reprint of British TV documentaries filmed in 1979 and 1980 geared towards public awareness and donations. The first, 60 minutes, recaps the holocaust, starvation, and flight. The second shows the progress after international relief efforts, and examines the political issues surrounding the status of Cambodian refugees, including the involvement of China and the US with the Khmer Rouge and the other freedom fighters. Interviews in a refugee camp with the rebel leaders. An outsider's view of the U.S. involvement and motives.
- CAMP ON LANTAU ISLAND. 1984, color, 37 minutes. UNHCR (Singer, A.) Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Hong Kong refugee camps in 1982, after the closed camp policy was instituted. In addition to refugees from Vietnam, illegal immigrants from mainland China are the focus of this film.
- CHILDREN OF CHANGE. University of Washington, 1983, color, video, 26 minutes/52 minutes. Rental/purchase: University of WA, Instructional Media Services, Preview and Acquisitions DG-10, 32A Kane Hall, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 543-9906.
- THE CITY OF REFUGE. Iowa Refugee Service Center, 1980, 30 minutes, color, 16 mm and video. Rental: IRSC, Communications and Publications, 4626 West 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315.
- THE COMMON THREAD. 28 minutes, color, video, 1981, Toledo Public Television, WGTE-TV. Rental: University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270
- THE CUTTING EDGE. Video, color, 29 minutes. Rental \$35; Purchase \$275. Judith Mann, 3006 SE Tibbets, Portland OR 97202. (503) 2333-1694. Southeast Asian adolescents during the acculturation process: Hmong shaman's son, Lao classical musician, and a Vietnamese Buddhist monk.
- DANCE OF TEARS. National Council for the Traditional Arts, 806 Fifteenth St NW Suite 400, Washington DC 20005. 202 639-8370. 3/4" \$500, rental \$100-150. 90 minutes. Story of the Khmer Classical Dance Troupe and its survival.

- END OF THE ROAD. U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, 1979, 20 minutes. Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Hmong in refugee camps, especially Ban Vinai.
- FAREWELL TO FREEDOM: THE MOORE REPORT. WCCO-TV, 1981, 60 minutes, color, video. Rental: Indiana University Audio-Visual Center, Bloomington, IN 47405, (812) 335-2103. Opens with scenery much like Laos, with Hmong playing the *qeej*; contains original CIA footage from Laos. Contrasts Hmong family in the U.S. with family still in the camp.
- FOR OUR TIMES: CAMBODIA, A NATION IN PERIL. CBS News, November 1979. 30 minutes, video, color, \$325. Ms. Dolores Sura, CBS News, 524 West 57th St, New York, NY 10019.
- GIRL WHO SPELLED FREEDOM. Disney Movie, about 2 hours, story of Cambodian mother and six children who were sponsored by a Kentucky family; Lin Yann went on to be the national spelling bee winner.
- GOODBY TO MY HOMELAND. Yang Sokhom and Wong Reth. 1984. Modesto, CA: Yank Sokhom (1617 San Luis Way). (Video, in Khmer).
- GREAT BRANCHES, NEW ROOTS: THE HMONG FAMILY. Rita LeDoux, Kathleen Laughlin, Nancy Haley, 1983, 42 minutes, color, 16 mm and video. Rental/purchase: Hmong Film Project, 2258 Commonwealth Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108. (612) 871–3151. Opens with an animation of the "Flood" folktale; explains and documents the Hmong concept of "family", and how the family is faring in the U.S.
- GUNS, DRUGS, AND THE CIA ("Frontline with Judy Woodruff", PBS). 60 minutes. Traces the involvement of the CIA with drug movement in Laos and later in Central America.
- HEART OF THE DRAGON. PBS 12-part series, and book. The first four segments are especially interesting as they relate to the Chinese background of many of the Vietnamese refugees.
- THE HMONG: TRADITIONAL TEXTILES AND MUSIC OF THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE OF LAOS. Nancy Haley et al., 1981, 7 minutes, color, 16 mm, (612) 871-3151.
- HMONG NEW YEAR. Dick Terry, Lao Family Community, Sacramento, and Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 1985. Color, VHS, 25 minutes. Order from Lue Vang, PO Box 423, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. \$50. Contains footage of traditional home ceremonies during the New Year, scenes from Sacramento New Year, 1985.
- HOUSE OF THE SPIRIT. 42 minutes, video, color. American Friends Service Committee, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003, (212)598-0968.
- I AM A REFUGEE. color, 34 minutes, video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. First person account of escaping as a refugee to a neighboring country (in Europe). One never sees the narrator, and the conflict revolves around whether or not he can bring himself to admit betraying his friends, key to determining his status on grounds of "well grounded fear of persecution.....". First prize, Cork Film Festival, 1978.
- THE JEWEL RECLAIMED. Church World Services, 16 mm, color, 30 minutes. ECUFILM, 810 12th Ave South, Nashville, TN 37203. (800) 251-4091. Free loan. Documentary about the destruction and gradual rebuilding of Cambodia; emphasizes the role of the world community, including church relief.
- JOURNEY FROM PHA DONG. CIA footage from 1967, filmed in Laos, shows the "secret army's" training and organization. VHS, color, 60 minutes. Available from University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270, \$15 rental.
- JOURNEY TO LAOS. 45 minutes, VHS, filmed by Jacqui Chagnon and Roger Rumpf, American Friends Service Committee, Jan 86, purchase \$50, from Asia Resource Center, PO Box 15275, Washington, DC, 20003, phone (202) 547-1114. Rental \$25.
- THE KHMER HISTORICAL MURAL OF KHAO-I-DANG. Insight Multi-Cultural Communication, Inc., 314 Lobos Ct, Pt Richmond, CA 94801, (415) 236-7527. 30 minutes, 9/86, VHS. Video of slides and artwork of youth in Khao I Dang holding center in early 1985, documenting the creation of a mural showing the past, present, and future of the Khmer people. Uses bilingual script, interviews, songs with voice over to tell the story of Cambodia and the Khmer. Partially funded by USDept of Ed funds.
- KILLING FIELDS. Commercial video about the experiences of NY Times reporter and his Cambodian friend-coworker.
- MIAO YEAR. CRM McGraw Hill Films, 1971, 61 minutes, color, 16 mm. Rental: University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270. Producer: William Geddes. Also available at UC Extension Media Service, 2176 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704. This is the film from which footage is clipped for use in other films and videos. It's the only full-length film that shows village life as it would have been before

- the war (Thai Hmong village).
- MONTEREY BOAT PEOPLE. 29 minutes, color video, 3/4" and 1/2" format, purchase \$200, rent \$65. 2nd place winner at the American Film Festival, NY. Vincent DiGirolamo, 1800 Prince St, Berkeley, CA 94703. (415)845-2733. Racial, economic, and environmental controversies surrounding the Vietnamese fishermen in Monterey Bay; historical context of Chinese and Japanese fishermen before.
- NEITHER HERE NOR THERE. 24 minutes, 1979. Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Refugees' flight from Vietnam by sea to Pilau Bidong; UNHCR efforts to resolve the crisis.
- A NEW YEAR FOR THE MIEN. 1986, video, color 55 minutes, \$245 (1/2", \$260 3/4") from Guy Phillips, 109 11th Ave East, Seattle WA 98102, 206 324-8690. Adjustment and efforts by the Iu-Mien people from Laos to begin a new life in the United States.
- NO MAN'S LAND. Video VHS, color, 26 min, 1983. Cambodia. Granada Television Internatl/Filmmakers Library. Rent from University Films & Video, Mnpls, MN. 612-627-4270. \$16.50.
- NIGHT SONGS. PBS presentation set in New York's Chinatown, and their cousin who arrives from Vietnam. Most interesting are the images of conflict between the teen-aged boy, his father, and his peers; includes footage of Dragon (Lion) Dance at the New Year.
- NO MORE MOUNTAINS. WBGH-TV Novacom, 1981, 60 minutes, color, video. Rental: University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270.
- NOT IN VAIN (REFUGEES YESTERDAY AND TODAY). 16 mm, color, 31 minutes. UNHCR, 1785 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Free loan. Footage shot in various parts of the world, showing what it means to be a refugee in 1980.
- NOVA: THE MYSTERY OF YELLOW RAIN. 1985, 60 minutes, color, video. Evidence for and against yellow rain; presents issues involved in the controversy.
- ONE OF MANY: DR. NHAN. Lucerne Films, 1984. 16 minutes, 16 mm and video, rental and purchase. 37 Ground Pine Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. (201) 538-1401.
- ONLY WHEN IT RAINS. color, 11 minutes, 1980. video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Plight of unaccompanied minors in a Thai refugee camp.
- OUR SECRET ARMY. 60 Minutes, CBS News, 1980, 25 minutes, color, video. Rental / purchase: 524 W. 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.
- OVERTURE: LINH FROM VIETNAM. 16 mm film, color, 26 min, 1980. Coronet/ MTI Film and Video. Rent from University Films & Video, Mnpls, MN. 612-627-4270. \$20.50.
- PAIN AND PROMISE & FITTING IN. Two videos, booklet. Video, free loan. Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction, Bilingual Ed., PO Box 7841, Madison WI 53707. (608)267-9234.
- PAPER ANGEL. PBS play about Angel Island and Chinese immigration.
- PEACE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE: A CASE HISTORY OF A HMONG FAMILY'S ENCOUNTER WITH A HOSPITAL. John Finck and Doua Yang, 1983, 25 minutes, color, video. Rental/purchase: Rhode Island Office of Refugee Resettlement, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. A young Hmong boy requires emergency treatment for a cut wrist; the medical treatment and ensuing problems are examined from both points of view, the family's and the hospital's. Useful for any non-Hmong who hope to work cooperatively with parents of Hmong children via interpreters.
- THE PHANS OF JERSEY CITY. Fink and Forman, Films Inc. 16 mm, 49 minutes, 1979, \$680. 8124 N. Central Park Ave, Skokie, IL 60076.
- THE PRICE YOU PAY. Video, color, 30 minutes. Refugees (Chinese from Vietnam, Vietnamese, Hmong, Mien) and problems with adjustment to a new community, San Francisco and Oakland.
- REFUGEES: A HISTORIC VIEW. color, 22 minutes, 1981. Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Historical look at refugees, from ancient civilizations up to 1951, the beginning of the UNHCR.
- THE RESTLESS WAVE. color, 16 minutes, 1979. Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service. Adaptation of a Dutch TV documentary on the boat people, their journey and arrival at countries of first asylum.

- RIVER JOURNEYS: THE MEKONG. PBS series, book. One of the segments is on the Mekong, from Vietnam, through Cambodia, to the Golden Triangle where Laos, Thailand and Cambodia meet.
- ROOM FOR A STRANGER. Harvey Kopel Films, 1979. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. 16 mm, color, 25 minutes. LIRS, 360 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10010.
- SOUTHEAST ASIA: THE LAND, THE PEOPLE, AND THE CULTURES. Video, purchase \$60 from Southeast Asia Genetics Educ Program, KW Dumars, Dept of Pediatrics, Bldg 27, Univ of CA Irvine, 101 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92668. Make check to UC Regents.)
- SOUTHEAST ASIA: THE OTHER WAR. 16 mm film, b&w, 60 min, 1965. Rent from University Films & Video, Mnpls, MN. 612-627-4270. \$19.05.
- SURVIVAL OF SONTHEARY SOU. Daniel Barnett Co, Video, 53 minutes, 1984, \$60 rental, \$200 purchase. 260 Lincoln St, Allston MA 02134. (617)254-6188. Rent from University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270.
- VIETNAM TODAY. Sierra World Films, 1975. 16 mm, color. Rent/purchase: Aims Media Inc., 626 Justin Ave, Glendale, CA 91201.
- VIET NAM: WHEN NIGHT COMES. 30 minutes, filmed by International Voluntary Service workers who returned to Viet Nam for two weeks in 1986. \$50 (\$45 for refugee groups). Asia Resource Center, PO Box 15275, Washington DC 20003 (202) 547-1114.
- WAY OF THE WILLOW. Available for rent from University Film and Video, U of MN, 1313 Fifth St. SE Suite 109, Mnpls, MN 55414, phone (612) 627-4270.
- WOMEN REFUGEES. UNHCR, 1980, 32 minutes, video and 16 mm. Video available from UNHCR Headquarters, Public Information Service.

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- Brushwriter, Kaihin Technology Pte Ltd, 35 Tannery Block #03-01, Ruby Industrial Complex, Singapore 1334. Available through Pacific Rim, address. Essential to have a hard disk (devoted only to this program), 24 pin serial printer or newer Laserwriter. Able to print vertical and horizontal. Also for IBM. About \$600.
- Feima-II (\$495), and newer version, Feima-P, for composing and printing Chinese characters. Requires own system (cannot use with other programs), designed for Imagewriter, not Laserwriter.
- IRAC Software: Cambodian, Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, for Macintosh's MacWrite. Manual is very simple, straightforward. For old Mac and Imagewriter. Fairly expensive at \$240-300 each language. 1118 22nd St NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037 (202) 223-8866.
- Khek Brothers. Cambodian Fonts (Anlongvil, Mool, Battambang, Kompong Pras, Narra, Samroung, Chrung). Priced per font, or \$180 for the total package. Can be used with Laserwriter or Imagewriter. Simple manual, keyboard fairly easy to use with characters arranged to make memorizing locations easier. Fonts can be put onto any system, allowing use with regular system and many programs. 1753 W. Ainslie, Chicago, IL 60640, (312) 275-4762.
- MacBeLingual v.3.2. Has many alphabets, including Khmer, Lao, and Thai, Burmese, Mon, Shan, Cham, Black Tai, and Vietnam Times, and many others. (Ecological Linguistics, PO Box 15156, Washington DC 20003, (202) 546-5862.). Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for ordering information. Company can combine several fonts on the same system, but when using hard disk, the computer must be booted from the floppy. Vietnam Times' keyboard map is confusing, but Lao and Thai are very simple. Lao looks fine on Laserwriter.
- MacKana, MacKanji, MacChinese, MacKorean, MacArabic, MacThai, MacTransliterator, IPA, Hindi, Sanskrit, Greek, Hebrew, Cyrillic, Arabic & Farsi. Linguist's Software, 925 Lindley Lane, Edmonds, WA 98020, (206) 775-1130. So far, the best software for general multilingual use (fonts can be added to existing system with no problems), at least for MacKorean and International Phonetic Alphabet. Keyboard maps are easy to use. MacChinese uses the glossary dictionary on MS Word, so it's probably fairly limited in scope and cumbersome to key in.

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- Center for Educational Experimentation, Development and Evaluation (CEEDE). Print, AV, and computer materials in Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese and other languages in many curriculum areas. Univ of Iowa, N345 Oakdale Hall, Oakdale IA 52319. (319) 335-4116.
- Center for Refugee Ethnography, Division of Graduate & Continuing Studies, Hamline University, 1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104, (612) 641-2900.
- Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, 104 Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48106
- Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, 260 Stephens Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720
- CEDOREK (Centre de Documentation et de Recherche sur la Civilisation Khmère). 218, rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris France. Source of materials in Khmer and French, incuding: Culture Khmère, Kaun Khmer, Seksa Khmer, 16 titles of Khmer literature, 6 titles of Khmer literature in French, 7 titles about arts and tradition in Khmer, and a bilingual collection in Khmer and French.
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# WHAT LANGUAGE DOES HE SPEAK? THE LAST NAME GIVES A CLUE

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## **IU MIEN**

Mien clan names usually carry the Thai prefix "sae" before them; some people are dropping the "Sae". The Iu-Mien were a minority group in Laos (there, as in China and Thailand, they are known as "Yao"), and lived in the remote high mountain villages until the war drove them to the lowlands. Schools can often communicate with men who were adults in Laos in Lao, but for the older and younger generations, oral Iu-Mien must be used. Chinese characters are used to write Iu-Mien ritual books, and a romanization exists in several forms. Currently, Iu-Mien from America, Thailand, and China are trying to arrive at a standard romanized form to be used by all. Below are the Mien names in one of the current romanized forms, with variations of English spelling in parentheses. (In this romanization, the final letter represents tone, not a consonant sound—x is a rising tone; h is a high falling tone, c is a low glottalized tone, z is a rising and falling tone, and q is a high short tone.)

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According to Lemoine (Yao Ceremonial Paintings, 1983), the original Yao Charter named twelve clans, but those most frequently found in Laos and Thailand are: Pien, Pung, Tang, Tsiou, Tsan, Yang, Liou, Lei.

## **HMONG**

Hmong clan names are also pronounced on specific tones. These are the most common clan names, with the Hmong spelling and the common English spelling. Most Hmong had very little schooling in Laos, and are not literate in any language, while they may speak two or three. Lao translation/interpretation may work for adult men, but for the older generation, the women and the young children, oral Hmong must be used. Hmong spelling comes first, then the English spellings.

High, short	High falling	Mid, level	Low, level	Low, abrupt end
Khab (Kha, Khang) Phab (Pha) Tsab (Cha, Chang) Tswb (Chue)	Faj (Fang) Hawj (Her) Lauj (Lo, Lor) Thoj (Thao, Thor) Tsheej (Cheng) Vaj (Va, Vang) Vwj (Vue) Xyooj (Xiong) Yaj (Ya, Yang)	Koo/Soom (Kong/Song)	Lis (Lee, Ly) Muas (Moua)	Ham (Ha, Hang) Kwm (Kue)

# **CHINESE FROM VIETNAM:**

Most of the Chinese speak the Cantonese dialect of Chinese, but it has a Vietnamese 'flavor' and local vocabulary. The Chinese family names, written in characters, have been Vietnamized—put into the closest Vietnamese equivalent, either by sound or meaning—after 1954 or when processing out of refugee camps. There is tremendous variation in spelling. What is given here is the character, a Cantonese romanization, and the usual Vietnamese equivalent. The most common names are at the beginning of the list.

阮	Nguyễn	鄭	Cheng (Trinh)
陳	Chan ( $Tran$ )	彭	Pang (Banh)
李	Lee (Ly)	文	Man (Van)
張	Cheung (Trường)	羅	Lo (La)
黃	Wong (Hoang, Huynh)	鄧	Deng (Đắng)
何	Ho (Hã)	蘇	Su (Tô)
王	Wong (Vường)	馬	Ma (Ma)
林	Lum (Lâm)	石	Sek (Thạch)
余	Yee (Dui)	曾	Jung (Tang)
吳	Ng (Ngô)	廖	Liew (Li <b>ê</b> u)
劉	Lau (Lưu)	溫	Won (Ôn)
朱	Chu (Chu)	白	Bach (Bach)
周	Chau (Châu)	金	Kam (Tuyen)
方	Fong (Phương)	沈	Sum (Sam, Thâm)
鄺	Kong (Phương)	高	Ko (Cao)
江	Gong (Giang)	莫	Mok (Mac)
楊	Yeung (Duong)	宋	Soong (Tông)
范	Fan (Pham)	譚	Tan ( <del>D</del> am)
趙	Chiu (Triệu)	鍾	Choong (Chung)
胡	Fu (Hô)	許	Hee (Hy)
馮	Fung (Phung)	孫	Seen (Tôn)
陸	Luk (Lục)		,
梁	Leung (Lương)		

Chinese who came from Saigon/Cholon often went to Chinese school *and* Vietnamese school; they are bilingual, biliterate in those two languages. Chinese from the north had less opportunity for education. Those who lived in Haiphong may have attended Vietnamese school for 3 to 10 years, achieving literacy and fluency in Vietnamese, but having no literacy in Chinese. Those who lived in the rural areas of the north usually had very little or no education, and therefore have no literacy in any language. To communicate with these adults, oral Cantonese is necessary.

## **LAO**

The most striking feature of Lao names is that they are long, and appear unpronounceable. The usual order is the same as English, given name followed by family name. The given name often falls into two parts, a common prefix followed by any of a number of common suffixes (Khamsy, Khamsay, Khamphanh). Close friends may drop the prefix, and simply use the suffix: Sy, Say, Phanh, etc.

For given names common word parts are:

thong សាឡា	boun ยม	kham ถ้ำ	
sy <b>ਡੋ</b>	pheng ເພິ່ງ	bang ບາງ; ນັ້ງ	say ไຊย์
phone พอบ	bone บอม	sone ສອນ	phanh ພັນ
my ມີ	souk ສູກ	phoun ພົນ	ma มา
dang ແດງ	phouang ພວງ	manh มับ	vong ລົງ

Last names are quite varied. Lao names are long, but they are fairly easy to pronounce, if they are broken apart into components. The names usually have a meaning, like

"health and happiness', Souksomboun สุรสิมบุม.

These are examples of Lao last names:

Baravong	ບາຣະລົງ
Soukbandith	สูฆบั้งก็ก
Vongkhamkeaw	ວົງຄຳແກ້ວ
Vongsawat	ລົງສວັຕ
Vongprachan	ລົງພຣະຈັນທ໌
Vathanatham	ວັທນະທັມ
Luangpraseut	ຫລວງປຣະເສິດ

## **VIETNAMESE**

There are 12-13 very common family names for the Vietnamese people; Nguyen is the most common. Confusion between who is Vietnamese or Chinese arises when an ethnic Chinese family uses its Vietnamized name (which were required after the 1950's). Usually Vietnamese speak only Vietnamese (or French or English); Chinese often speak Vietnamese as well as Cantonese (and possibly Mandarin). The names below are grouped by tone:

Mid-Level	Low, abrupt end	Low falling	Broken	High tone
Châu Đinh Lê Ngô Trương Vương	Đạng Phạm Trịnh	Hòang Hùynh Trần	Lữ Nguyên Võ Vũ	Lý

## VIETNAMESE MONTAGNARD

The minority groups living in the Central highlands of Vietnam were closely allied with the Green Berets, and recently 200 families entered the U.S. after escaping Vietnam through Cambodia to Thailand.

Ethnic groups in clude Rhade, Jarai, Sre, Mnong, Chru, Bahnar, Bru, Lat, Sedang, Rengao; they, taken together, can be called "ana chu", or 'sons of the mountains'. Listed below are names of prominent minority leaders. The underlined individuals studied in the U.S.

Y Thih Eban, Y Ju Eban, Y Klong Adrong, Y Jut Buon To (Rhade) Rcom Anhot, Nay Blim, Nay Luett, Rcom Plol, Slu Nay (Jarai) Hiup, Ber, Paul Nur (Bahnar) Touneh Yoh, Touneh Ton, Touneh Han Tho (Chru) Toplui Pierre K'Briuh, Toplui K'Broi (Sre)

## **CAMBODIAN**

Names with two "h"s are definitely Cambodian. Cambodian names, like the language, are not tonal; this is different from the other languages described here. The alphabet is non-Roman, so the transliteration (English spelling) varies from writer to writer. There are a great variety of family names; they tend to be short one syllable words (Chhom). Given names tend to be two or three syllables (Rattana, or Rat ta na). The usual order in Cambodia was family name followed by given name.

Given names .	Family names
Sokha ญี่ อา	Chea นำ
Neary នារី	Chhom 🛱
Bona បូណា	Pok ពុក
Chantha ចន្ទថា	Hem ហែម
Rattana រត្តនា	Som លម

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We are hoping to find information on the names of other Laotian groups, such as the Khmu and Lahu, for future issues.

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