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Title Lao New Year Community Celebration, New Britain, 1998

Date 1998 April 12

Primary Maker Manola Sidara

Medium positive color film slides

Description Photographs from a community Lao New Year celebration organized

by the Lao Association of Connecticut in New Britain on April 12, 1998. (.1-.4)

Images of the “Nang Sungkarn” event presenting and celebrating the young

women of the community who exemplify Lao cultural values such as kindness,

learning, grace, respectful behavior, and good character. The participants,

dressed in traditional clothes, give speeches to the gathering and take part in

ceremonial processions. (.5-.6) Images of families gathered for the ceremony led

by the monks. (.7) Image of a man preparing a ceremonial pah khuane. Monks

are seated on the stage. (.8) Image of a ceremonial pah khuane and other

decorations and arrangements. A musician plays a flute onstage. (.9) Image of

Manola Sidara preparing for the “Nang Sungkarn” event presenting and

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young women taking part in the “Nang Sungkarn” event, sitting at a table with

pah khuanes. (.19) Image of a Lao community elder wearing traditional folk

clothing.