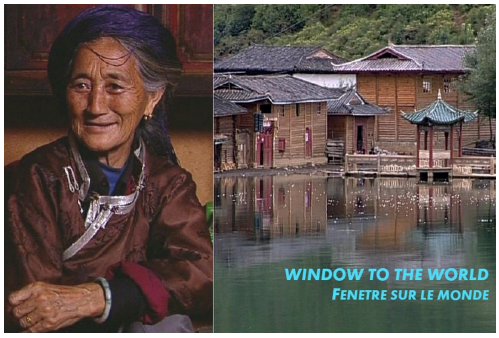


LAOS: THE OPIUM HIGHTS

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At the heart of the Golden Triangle, in the Laos mountains, poppy growing is part of the landscape, and is a necessity to the survival of peasants. Transformed into heroin, this produce goes directly to the international drug traffic market. The United Nations have been battling against opium farming for years. Their aim is alternative farming so that the peasants will grow other crops. In La Loun Ho's family, as in all villages, opium is the only way to survive during the dry season.

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