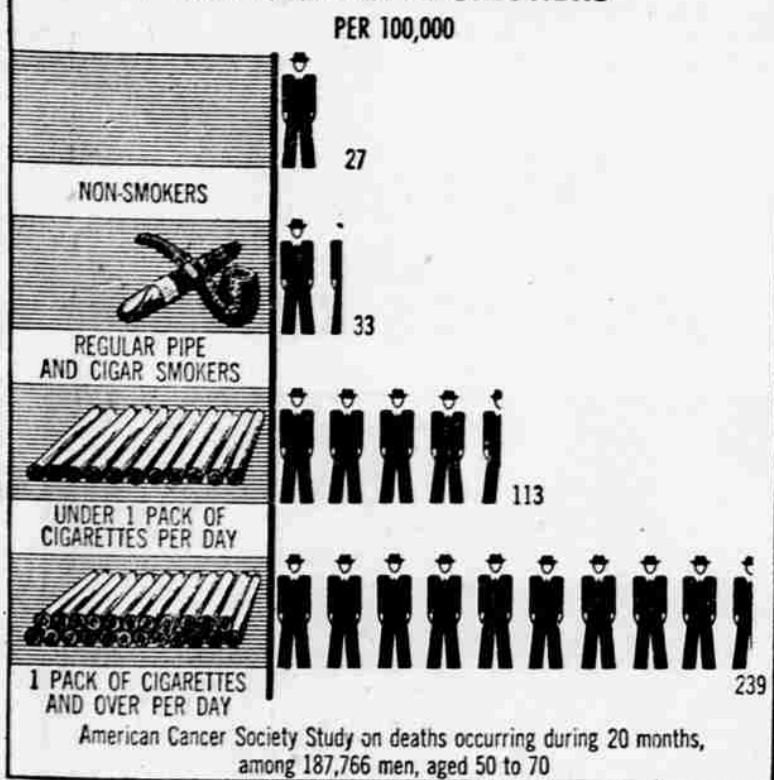


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\$150,000 Bond Issue Slated For School Buildings at EP

Eagle Point — An election to authorize a \$150,000 bond issue to construct a multi-purpose building for the Eagle Point elementary school, and a vocational agricultural building for the high school, will be held May 11, it was announced this week.

The proposal was approved at a meeting of the directors of the Eagle Point school district, No. 9, at a recent meeting.

The multi-purpose building suggested would be designed for use as cafeteria, playroom, gymnasium, and auditorium. The action of the board arose from recommendations by several civic groups.

The proposal for vocational agricultural instruction in the high school under the federal Smith-Hughes law, originated in the local Grange. Resolutions from both the Eagle Point and the Lake Creek Granges were filed some time ago urging the introduction of vocational agricultural instruction. Facilities for these courses are lacking at present, and the addition of a new building adapted to that work would be necessary in order to meet the requirements laid down by the federal government which assists in the support of such courses.

The demand for a multi-purpose building had its origin with the Parent Teacher association. Adequate facilities for elementary play area and physical education have always been lacking here, members point out. The same thing is true as to proper stage and auditorium facilities, and the cafeteria is badly overcrowded. It was this situation that prompted the PTA to urge the board that such a building be constructed.

Corvallis Policemen Fired for Thefts

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Three Corvallis police officers have been fired after they admitted stealing items from a store during an investigation.

Police Chief Cecil Fruit said the three took merchandise with a total value of \$57.60 from the Montgomery Ward store after finding the door open Sunday night.

Dismissed were Noble C. Stewart, 28; A. E. Bodeker, 41, and James H. Gundy Jr., 32. Stewart had been on the force three years and Bodeker and Gundy six years each.

The officers pleaded guilty in District Court to charges of petty larceny and were fined \$30 and paroled from 90 day jail sentences.

Most valuable item taken was a skillsaw worth \$54.95. Other items taken included a file, flashlight batteries and three boxes of .22 caliber shells. Fruit said the three admitted the theft when confronted with the evidence.

Defense Department Asks Construction Funds

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department has asked Congress to authorize \$2,354,352,300 for military construction at home and abroad during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The measure would include \$1,305,319,600 for construction in the continental United States, \$652,897,300 for overseas construction, and \$396,335,400 for classified projects.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Members of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association will meet here May 8-11.

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Anti-Communist Religious Sects Greatest South Viet Nam Threat

Editor's note: The United States is backing Premier Ngo Dinh Diem in South Viet Nam in hope of establishing a strong anti-Communist government for the political struggle against Red forces in the north. But due to political conditions hard for Westerners to understand, Diem's greatest trouble is coming not from Communists but from forces that are just as anti-Communist as he is. Bizarre religious sects are competing with him for power. In the following dispatch a United Press correspondent attempts to unravel the political threads which have created a crisis within a crisis in Viet Nam.

By LOUIS GUILBERT
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Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — The greatest threat to the government of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem is not Communists but powerful and primitive religious sects that oppose Communism as much as he does.

These sects, headed by a conglomeration of warlords, desperados and "saints," are ranged in open hostility against him. They command an estimated 45,000 men in private armies. Their force is strong enough to plunge the country into a prolonged civil war which could wreck all chances of saving South Viet Nam for the free world.

While the leaders of South Viet Nam are preoccupied with this struggle for power, the Communists watch and wait in North Viet Nam. They relish any disunity in the south.

In an election next year, people in North and South Viet Nam will choose between Communism and western style democracy for a united government. For this reason, the United States and France are anxious to bring an early end to the civil strife in South Viet Nam.

Here is their problem: When Diem came to power at the end of the long Indochinese civil war last year, he attempted to launch a program of reform which would wipe out special privileges enjoyed by the politico-religious sects ruling much of the country.

The sects—there are three principal ones—rose against him. Though strongly anti-Communist themselves, the sects saw their own doom in the kind of modern democratic state Diem wanted to build.

The fiercest of the sects is also the smallest. It is the semi-gangster Binh Xuyen, an organization of thugs and former pirates run by tyrannical General Le Van Vien. It has a significant grip on the country because it controls the police and security services.

Vien is said to want the premiership for himself. He commands 9,000 troops who today are entrenched in the Saigon suburb of Cholon. It was Vien's commandos who clashed with government troops on March 29 in a battle which killed 26 persons and wounded 112.

Next larger of the sects is the Hoa Hao, whose 1,000,000 members practice primitive Buddhist rites mixed with sorcery and superstition. Their leader is Gen. Tran Van Soai, a semi-literate warlord who wears hand-dar moustaches and has a wife who heads a corps of Amazons who fight as savagely as men.

Soai also has a ferocious lieutenant named Ba who wears shoulder-length hair and commands 8,000 men operating in the rice plains of western Cochinchina. These warriors have been harassing government battalions in the area, and recently threatened to blockade Saigon.

Biggest and most important of the sects is the Cao Dai, which counts 2,000,000 faithful and is the only truly religious sect of the three.

Members of the Cao Dai worship a supreme being represented by an eye in a triangle. The priests practice a mixture of Christianity, Buddhism, spiritualism and theosophy, and recognize a curious array of saints who include Louis Pasteur, Victor Hugo, Jesus Christ and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Cao Dai's 20,000-man army recently rallied to the side of the government and is not actively opposing Premier Diem. But its political loyalty is still doubtful.

The posturings and grandiose threats exchanged by the Viet Name sects appear almost comic to Western eyes. But the rebellious leaders are dead-enders in their struggle for power.

The result has been delay in cementing the people of South Viet Nam into a vigorous nation to oppose Communism. An outbreak of a civil war would be even more disastrous.

The questions yet to be answered are whether Diem can succeed in drawing his divided nation together, and if not, whether the United States reluctantly will withdraw its support of the premier and seek some other route to internal peace in South Viet Nam.

Russia's Big 4 Bid Generally Welcomed

London — (U.P.) — Soviet Russia's call for a Big Four foreign ministers conference in Vienna to discuss the Austrian state treaty has evoked favorable echoes in the West—with one reservation.

Diplomatic quarters generally welcomed Russia's notes asking for the Big Four conference with Austria but the Western powers thought the ambassadors in Vienna should meet first to complete the draft of such a treaty.

The chief problem to be settled at a meeting of the ambassadors would be the type of guarantee Russia wants the four occupation powers to give that there would never be another Anschluss as in 1938 when Nazi Germany absorbed Austria.

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