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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY
FRIENDSHIP COURT 11, Order of Amaranth, 8 p.m., meeting, Scottish Rite Temple. Officers wear formal.

MANZANITA SOCIAL CLUB, 7:30 p.m., meeting, 1746 Burns.

MIDLAND GRANGE, 8 p.m., meeting, Grange Hall.

LADIES SOCIETY BLF&E, 8 p.m., meeting, City Library basement.

MERRY MIXERS, 8 p.m., beginning square dance class, Merry Mixer Hall, Pelican City. Everyone interested invited.

PLAYERS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall.

RECENT GRADUATES, AAUW, 8 p.m., meeting, Roosevelt Apts. No. 7, 2036 LeRoy.

THURSDAY
ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA, 6:30 p.m., potluck birthday dinner, KC Hall.

KLAMATH MINERAL CLUB, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Klamath Auditorium. Visitors welcome.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, Bethel No. 6, 7 p.m., meeting, Masonic Temple.

VFW AUXILIARY, 8 p.m., past presidents night, VFW Hall.

TWYLA FERGUSON PARENTS AND PATRONS, 7:30 p.m., meet teachers, 8 p.m., meeting, school. Refreshments following.

Y-NEMA TWIRLERS, 8 p.m., square dance, St. Paul's education building. Bring donuts.

PROSPERITY REBEKAH

Big Lava Lake To Be Poisoned

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Game Commission said today treatment of Big Lava Lake to get rid of undesirable fish was planned for this Thursday.

A crew of 14 men will introduce liquid rotenone into the lake to kill roach, whitefish and remaining eastern brook trout.

Restocking with brook trout is scheduled for later this fall. Big Lava is west of Bend in the Cascades.

Five U.S. Policy Agencies In Viet Nam Now Fighting Each Other

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International

The word from Saigon is that President Kennedy has lost control of both U.S. policy and personnel in South Viet Nam and that he has ordered Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge to help him regain control.

This is discouraging word. It came over the weekend in dispatches from Saigon. These dispatches evidently were based on a closed-door briefing of U.S. correspondents in Saigon, including UPI's Neil Sheehan and the New York Times' David Halberstam.

Both Sheehan and Halberstam attributed their statements about the South Viet Nam situation to informed sources. The evidence indicates that the informed source probably was Ambassador Lodge or someone speaking for him. Both correspondents reported a state of policy chaos among Americans in Saigon. The United States has become a five-headed monstrosity in Viet Nam. Nobody knows who's keeping score.

The five policy agencies, apparently now engaged mostly in fighting each other or among themselves, are the:

- U.S. Embassy.
- Military Assistance Command.
- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- Agency for International Development (AID).
- United States Information Agency.

These agencies are disputing whether the United States should continue to support the incredible Ngo Dinh Diem family administration of Viet Nam. Underlying this row is serious disagreement between military and civilian officials over whether the war is

going well in Viet Nam or so badly that the Communists are likely to win in the end. The military claims the war has been going well. The optimistic reports of the military from Saigon largely have determined Kennedy administration policy.

Now the civilians are faulting the military reports as phoney

optimism. This has enraged some of the generals. Sheehan reported that one of the military brass was so angry with one of the civilian officials that the general was overheard to say: "I'll get that s.o.b. if it's the last thing I do."

The weekend dispatches said Lodge had been ordered to report

to President Kennedy the true situation in Viet Nam. That report is coming up or may already have been received. Meantime, the five-headed monstrosity representing U.S. policy in Viet Nam remains on the job, a symbol of a spectacular frustration in President Kennedy's administration of foreign policy.

U.S. foreign policy has been blotted with such spectacular administrative debacles many times before this. Some of them led to loss of China to the Reds; misplays at Yalta; division of Germany to leave Berlin surrounded by Communists; U.S. aid to Cas-

tro in taking over Cuba. These were costly. A Communist triumph in Viet Nam and extending through Southeast Asia could be even more so. How could it be then that the supposedly experienced and able Americans assigned in Viet Nam to the vari-

ous U.S. agencies came in time to act like a clutch of pouty teenagers. And how long will that continue? And what were the State and Defense Departments doing when U.S. actions in Viet Nam began to become self-defeating?

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