

# Cities Demand Federal Aid

Washington (AP)—Municipal officials took a position Wednesday that the federal government must continue financial aid to the nation's cities in such fields as civil defense, alum clearance, airport and highway construction, and public housing.

This view was expressed at a preliminary conference dealing with President Eisenhower's proposal to create a federal-state commission to study relations regarding taxation, grants in aid, and social security.

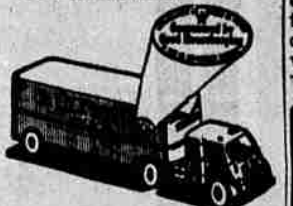
The president sent a special message to congress Monday asking enactment of legislation to set up the study commission.

## STEALS POLICE SIREN

Seattle, Wash. (AP)—Patrolmen J. E. Mitchell and H. O. Ward discovered yesterday that the siren had been stolen from their squad car while they were searching an apartment house for a thief.

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## FAITH LUTHERAN BAPTISMAL SERVICES



Faith Lutheran church conducted baptismal services for an unusually large group recently. The photograph contains only those concerned in the baptism service and does not include three families unable to be present because of illness. Pastor Holmquist stands at the top.

## New Quarrel Develops Over School Districts

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

A repeat performance, with the same cast of characters as in the 1951 Legislature and the 1952 election campaign, opened Tuesday night with the start of a new quarrel over school district reorganization.

The Legislative Education Committees heard arguments over the new school reorganization bill, which replaces the one passed by the 1951 Legislature but defeated in a referendum at last November's general election.

This new bill provides for election of county committees to plan new consolidations of districts, and each new district would be created by majority

vote of the entire district. This might force some small districts into consolidations, and that's why the state Grange and little districts oppose the bill. The same election provision was in the 1951 act.

Now, any district retains the right to stay out of a proposed consolidation.

Meanwhile, the Legislature disposed of a tough issue when the Senate voted 18 to 12 against the bill to extend unemployment insurance to employers of fewer than four persons.

The opponents voted against it mainly because it would handicap small employers, while supporters contended that an employe of a little business is just as entitled to protection as a worker in a large business.

The Senate Agriculture Committee, at the request of the dairy industry and State Board of Agriculture, voted to introduce a bill to give the state milk administration full authority to deny milk dealer licenses in a sales area that the administration thinks is already served adequately.

Anthropologists believe they have observed one of the processes by which farming was started in Western Australia where tribesmen who dig up yams, put part of the yam back in the hole.

## Do You Want To See Derby In Akron?

Anybody want to go to the Derby — The All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, that is?

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Seat prices range from \$1.50 in the finish line grandstand down to 25 cents in the bleachers at the starting line. Anyone wanting seats reserved for the August classic should contact Wayne Hadley at Douglas McKay Chevrolet company or Vic Fryer at the Capital Journal by Thursday.

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## Russian Wives Crowd Stores

Moscow (AP)—Russian housewives crowded state stores throughout the Soviet Union Wednesday as government-ordered price reductions went into effect on more than 100 different types of food and consumer goods.

At Moscow's central collective market, farmers marked down prices of their fresh vegetables, meat and potatoes. The market price were not included in the government order but fell in response to the state store changes.

The Communist newspaper Pravda estimated that the price cuts—sixth decreed by the Kremlin since the end of World War II—would save the Russian consumer 46 billion rubles a year in state store purchases alone. The Soviets value the ruble officially at 25

## cents but it is worth less on domestic market.

Announcement of the cuts—ranging generally from five to 15 per cent—was made Tuesday, the anniversary of the 1952 price reduction decree. The extent of the reductions were announced only in percentage terms but they ran up to 50 per cent for potatoes, fresh fruit and vegetables in state cooperative stores.

## Army to Let Indian Keep His Long Hair

Yuba City, Calif. (AP)—Iqbal Sing Rao's year-long battle with the Army over whether he could keep his waist-length hair, beard, mustache and turban was at an end today. Rao won.

The 22-year-old Indian, a native of Punjab, was inducted yesterday after Army authorities permitted his unmilitary appearance because of Rao's religious convictions. Rao said "I guess I'll have to get a khaki-colored turban now."

## Allison Approved As Envoy to Japan

Washington (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave its approval to John M. Allison as ambassador to Japan Tuesday, but it withheld action on President Eisenhower's nomination of William Howard Taft, III, as ambassador to Ireland.

The delay in Taft's case was occasioned by the fact that the FBI has not yet completed its field investigation of him, said Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.), the committee chairman. The nominee is the son of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Senate Republican leader.

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## KOWITZ SPEAKS

Brush College—One of the older members of Brush College grange, Chris Kowitz, Salem city attorney, will be the speaker at the grange meeting, Friday, April 3, at the school house, following a 6:30 supper.

When Queen Elizabeth visits Winnipeg, Canada, she will be entitled to receive the Hudson's Bay Co. tribute of two elk heads and two black beaver skins.

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