



**CALLS COUNCIL**—Pope John XXIII, here shown celebrating mass at the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome, has called for an Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church. It will be the first such conference in 89 years.

**Eagle Point Mothers Plan March for Polio**

Eagle Point — Eagle Point Lions auxiliary is sponsoring a Mothers' March for the March of Dimes Thursday, Jan. 29. Those wishing to donate are asked to leave their porch lights on from 7 until 9 p.m.

Territory covered in addition to the town of Eagle Point will be Ajax rd. to Stan's Market on Crater Lake highway; Nick Young rd. and Long Mountain rd. to Dodge

**HEAVY LOAD**

Carthage, Mass. — (UP) — Burglars entered a local bank and carried away 33,000 pennies, police reported Tuesday.

**VOODOO EXPERT DIES**

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — (UP) — Stanley Henry Reser, 71, a U.S. naval pharmacist's mate who settled in Haiti in 1928 and became an expert on voodoo, died Sunday.

bridge; Crater Lake highway to Brownsboro store; Eagle Heights, Stevens rd., and Ball rd.



**ITALY CRISIS**—Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani leaves the Viminale in Rome, a few minutes after announcing his resignation as premier. His cabinet also resigned. Fanfani's resignation precipitates another governmental crisis in Italy.

**No Radical Changes Declared Necessary In High Schools**

San Francisco — (UP) — Dr. James E. Conant, president of Harvard university, made a report on a two-year study of American high schools today at the closing session of the National School Boards Association convention.

A summary of the results was distributed to the 5,000 delegates Tuesday night. It

said that no radical changes were required to improve secondary education.

**Must Support Schools**

However, Conant said this would only be true "if the citizens in many localities display sufficient interest in their schools and are willing to support them."

The convention heard three major speakers Tuesday. They were California industrialist

Henry J. Kaiser Jr., Charles B. Shuman, president of the National Farm Bureau Federation; and Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Kaiser said more federal money may be needed by the nation's schools. He pointed out that long with exploding enrollments and shortages of teachers, many districts are faced with growing public resistance against tax increases.

**Opposes Federal Support**

He said he believed schools could accept federal aid without losing local control.

Shuman disagreed. He said federal support would mean more education instead of better, and urged the delegates to fight "creeping socialism that is about to destroy this country."

Derthick said the government will spend approximately \$1 billion in the next four years under the National Education Act. He indicated a re-

luctance to push for additional federal aid.

"Our schools and the American way of life call for sacrifice and hard work at the grass roots level," he said.

In his speech before the convention, Conant said he was advocating abolishment of the practice of ranking the graduating class according to the grades obtained in all the subjects, "since I am convinced that very frequently this device tempts the bright student to elect easy courses in what an A is sure!"

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**Highlights of Eisenhower's News Conference**

Washington — (UP) — Following are highlights from President Eisenhower's news conference today.

—Responding to demands by key Republicans that he take a more decisive role in outlining the aims of the GOP, he said that if Republican leaders did not know what he stood for they had simply failed to read, as carefully as they should, six State of the Union messages and two platforms themselves drafted.

—He would like to go to Mexico in the near future, but definite plans have not been made.

**Source of Pride**

—He said American production and development of intercontinental ballistic missiles was showing remarkable progress and should be a constant source of American pride, not any reason for hang-dog humiliation.

—As for the claim Tuesday that Russia is now mass-producing ICBMs, Eisenhower doubted whether 100 per cent credence in such statements was justified.

—Eisenhower said he would welcome conferences at any time with Democrats, as well as pending legislation, in Congress on pending legislation. He said the same held for governors from both parties.

**May Meet Truman**

—He said he might meet former President Truman for the first time since the 1953 inauguration at a dinner here next month celebrating the 150th birthday of President Lincoln.

**Jazz Trombonist Undergoes Surgery**

Glendale, Calif. — (UP) — Jazz trombonist Jack Teagarden, 54, was reported "resting comfortably" today at Glendale Sanitarium and hospital where he underwent surgery of the lower abdominal wall.

The famous orchestra leader and musician, recently returned from a 39,000-mile tour in the Far East for the U. S. State Department, underwent surgery Tuesday.

**MARDI GRAS FAN**

New Orleans — (UP) — Jon Wood, 18, must have wanted to see the Mardi Gras in the worst way. He made the 1,000 mile trip here from his home in Brookfield, Wis., by bicycle. It took him three weeks and cost \$16.

The U.S. rice crop is grown principally in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, California, Mississippi and Missouri.

**Driver Given Doublecross**

Chicago — (UP) — Edward Meier, president of the 45th Ward Democratic Organization, said a constituent came to him with this complaint: He got a ticket Tuesday for driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

About an hour and a half later he got a ticket for driving the opposite direction on

the same street — for the same violation.

Meier investigated and found that in the interval, street crews had discovered they put the one-way signs up wrong and turned them around. The unidentified driver will probably have to pay both fines anyway, Meier said.

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