



**DRAMATIC ACTION PHOTO** is made as pickets charge car carrying non-striking workers toward Sperry Gyroscope Co. plant at Lake Success, N. Y., with police trying to break up melee. Many injuries were reported before authorities were able to control situation. (International)

### New Sales Tax Bill Given Study By Legislative Group

House Bill 694, the new sales tax proposal now being considered by the house of representatives at Salem, was discussed and explained in part this morning by members of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The measure, introduced last Tuesday by the house committee on taxation, has been proposed as an alternative to measures increasing the state income tax, now under consideration in the senate. The increase in income tax under the proposal would be high, estimates varying from 30 per cent up to 70 per cent.

#### Information Proposed

Information from the legislative session indicates that one or both measures will be proposed as alternatives for the electorate to pass on at special or regular elections within the next two years. The sales tax bill, in fact, calls for a special election to be called, and provides that the measure shall not go into effect unless it receives the approving vote of the people.

The chamber's legislative committee and the board of directors have both gone on record supporting the sales tax principle, but neither has taken action on this specific measure. It will be discussed again at next Monday's legislative committee meeting, which will be a 7-30 a.m. breakfast session at the Medford hotel. Similar To California

The bill is 50 pages long, and is drawn along lines similar to the sales tax law now in effect in California. It calls for a 3 per cent tax on retail sales of tangible personal property, exempting most foods, prescription drugs, seeds, feeds, fertilizers and certain other things.

Companion bills would reduce income taxes if the sales measure is passed, and effect other changes in the tax structure. The "package" of bills related to the sales tax proposal includes HBs 698, 699 and 709.

### First Baptists Set Missionary Meeting

The Rev. Leo Janz, speaker, and his brother, Hildor Janz, soloist, will have charge of a public missionary rally at the First Baptist church, North Central ave., at Fifth St., Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Harding Braaten, accompanist, will complete the party.

The Janz brothers are former members of the staff of Prairie Bible institute, Alberta, Can., where they were members of the radio quartet of the school and conducted daily radio broadcasts.

The Janz families have been released by the institute for missionary work in Germany. These men have traveled in Germany, know the German language, and are acquainted with the situation in that country. They are planning to conduct a radio ministry once a week over Radio Luxembourg, which would have a potential listening audience of 80 million German-speaking people. They also plan to begin a network of adult and children's evangelistic campaigns throughout the cities and villages of Germany.

The public is invited to the musical and missionary program.

### Austria Communist Party Trails Vote

Vienna—(U.P.)—Austria's weak Communist party suffered a crippling new defeat in municipal elections held yesterday in Soviet-occupied lower Austria province, final official returns showed today.

Chancellor Julius Raab's Conservative People's party emerged as the clear winner of the elections followed by the Austrian Socialist party. Both major parties gained votes at the expense of the Reds and the extreme right wing "League of Independence."

The Reds, running under the name of the People's Opposition, dropped to four per cent of the popular vote compared with 5.2 per cent in the last similar elections held in 1950. They lost 1,653 votes and two municipal councilors.

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### Europeans Not Too Happy Over Influx of Tourists From States

**By UNITED PRESS**  
Half a million Americans will visit Europe as tourists this year and they will come away with some new impressions.

They also will leave a lasting impact. Along with Hollywood movies and, in some places, U.S. Armed Forces personnel, these vacationists abroad will provide most Europeans with their impressions of what America and Americans are like.

This will be the biggest American tourist year in Europe in history, with an estimated 560,000 there.

The United Press polled its big city bureaus throughout Western Europe, asking for a candid appraisal of how the "natives" view the U.S. visitors. The result was not too flattering. Here is a summary of the replies.

**Rome**—The new U.S. crop of "just plain people" is regarded in a friendly manner but somewhat as a let-down by Italians. Unlike the pre-war family scion on "grand tour," every American tourist no longer lives and pays in the style of a duke. Yet to the average, poverty-harassed Italian who sees them tour in droves, the American tourist still has an impact of prosperity, even opulence. The comparative newness and richness of dressing, the inevitable expensive camera and the general standard Americans demand because they are used to it, continue to impress.

**London**—The bond of common language brings considerable liking and understanding although the Englishman often feels that Americans fail to understand England. Many seem to miss no opportunity to point out how much taller American

buildings are, how much warmer central heating makes American homes, how much thicker American steaks are. They don't understand that Britons don't like central heating, don't want ice in their drinks, can't build skyscrapers on swampy soil like London's, or they would.

**Frankfurt**—American tourists have little effect on the natives because the effect—good or bad—already has been made by the mammoth U.S. occupation force in Germany. It has established

### Air Force Drops 1154 as Bad Risks

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force has dropped 241 officers and enlisted men under the operations of various loyalty and security programs since 1949, it was disclosed today.

In addition, 913 civilian employees were eased off the Air Force payroll since 1947 and deemed to be security risks.

The figures were given to a House appropriations subcommittee recently by Maj. Gen. J. F. Carroll, a former FBI inspector who is director of the Air Force's office of special investigations. His testimony was made public today.

In his appearance before the subcommittee Carroll said that none of the ousted officers and airmen were spies for Russia.

But, he added, "all of them were deemed to have backgrounds or beliefs which indicated that they had either an affiliation with the Communist movement or sympathetic association with activities of the Communist movement and so forth."

a reputation for Americans almost unbelievable generosity. It also has created an impression that Americans are abrupt, overpaid, wasteful, uncultured and undisciplined.

**Madrid**—In main, Spaniards are pleased to see more tourists and the government is trying to make the people tourist-minded. The official line is smile and be pleasant to the foreigner. The people themselves can at times be quite irritated when tourists display bad manners for in Spain the accent is on courtesy.

**Copenhagen**—The Danes like the Americans. For example, they have arranged a most successful program called "Meet the Danes." Any U.S. tourists who wish to see how people of his own profession like in Denmark, can get an invitation—free of charge—from a Danish family. He can spend the day with them, eat at their tables, play with their children and talk about their mutual business or interests.

**Brussels**—There is a tendency in Belgium toward disappointment with Americans as tourists. They don't tip nearly as well as they did just after the war.

**Paris**—The anti-American feelings in France marked in 1950 by the Communist-inspired "Yankee Go Home" campaign have largely disappeared. But there still is some passive hostility to the occasional rudeness of American tourists and their continual comparisons of what is being done in Kansas and in Normandy. Hotel owners believe Americans are more difficult than any others. They complain about the plumbing, the elevators, the telephones. They want ice instead of white wine, running water instead of a shot of armagnac.

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