

# Passengers Refusing To Pay New Air Tax; Airports Note Delays

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly devised taxes on air passengers went into effect over the weekend at five airports, but thousands of travelers refused to pay the new fees.

The collection of the new municipal head taxes, and the requirement that hold-out passengers fill out refusal forms, resulted in massive delays at the major airport involved, Philadelphia.

The City of Brotherly Love has imposed the stiffest charge of any yet levied or proposed—\$2 per person for all air travelers arriving at the airport as well as for all of those departing.

There was less difficulty initially at the other airports with lighter traffic and with a more modest \$1 fee for departing passengers only: Richmond, Va.; Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Tri-City Airport at Saginaw, Mich.

A spokesman for the Air Transport Association said since the head taxes at the airports went into effect July 1, a Saturday, they have not yet been fully tested.

"The big crunch comes tomorrow," he said.

Many other cities are eyeing their airports as potential new sources of revenue in the light of a Supreme Court decision April 19 upholding the use and service

charges in New Hampshire and Evansville, Ind.

As for the situation at Philadelphia, the ATA vice president for public affairs, Warren N. Martin described it as "an ungodly mess."

"The head-tax collection problems, combined with the heavy holiday traffic, jammed the terminal area with long, long lines of passengers in front of all ticket counters," Martin said.

"Thousands of people refused to pay the tax, upon which refusal most carriers asked the passenger to fill out and sign a special form."

"When one person in the line started to fill out a form, the domino theory took effect and the rest of the line refused and went through the time-consuming procedure of completing the form."

Airline representatives said they are prohibited by law from refusing tickets to persons who paid the published fare, regardless of payment of the \$2 tax.

Philadelphia city officials said steps would be taken to collect the delinquent taxes. But airline representatives said some passengers even refused to give their names on the tax-denial forms and thus could not be traced.

The city has proposed also to fine the airlines \$100 to \$300 for failure to collect the tax.

# Recall of Minicars Announced by GM

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors Corp. announced on Monday the recall of 500,000 of its Chevrolet Vega minicars for inspection and possible replacement of defective rear axle shafts.

The recall, GM said, involves virtually all 1971 and 1972 Vegas built prior to last May 5. Only models with so-called "Positraction" rear axles are excluded.

Chevrolet said 59 shaft failures have been reported thus far, but that no injuries have been reported because of them. It said two failures have resulted in minor body damage to vehicles.

Somewhat similar rear axle failures resulted earlier this year in Ford Motor Co.'s recall of more than 400,000 1972 Ford Torinos and Mercury Montegos.

"Excessive end play in the defective shafts," GM said, "could cause a lock ring to disengage, permitting the shaft and wheel to move outward."

"If that should occur, the rear brakes may become inoperative and... the wheel and axle could separate from the car, permitting the car to drop down onto the rear suspension."

GM said, however, that if rear braking were lost front brakes would continue to work.

The company said actual inspection would take less than 10 minutes and that axle replacements, if needed, could be completed in approximately an hour. Inspection and replacements will be at company expense.

## WALL STREET:·

# Prices Mixed; Session Light

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market took time out Monday in a very light session sandwiched between the weekend and the Tuesday holiday. Prices were mixed in a narrow range.

So many investors were taking a four-day break that the market had no direction, brokers said.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed at 928.66, off 37. In midday it had struggled to a gain of 1.73.

Advances led declines on the New York Stock Exchange

throughout the day and finished with an advantage of 910 to 493.

The Monday session was in contrast with Friday's which produced a small gain of 2.78 in the Dow and put a stop to a skid that had lasted six straight sessions. Last week the index was off 15.66 and for the month of June it was down 31.69 points.

Big Board volume, at 8.14 million shares, was the lowest since 7.34 million shares were traded last Oct. 25, which was Veterans Day.

John Smith of Fahnstock & Co. said that "basically and fundamentally the economy is such a state that the market should go up."

But it continues to be plagued by recurring worries over Vietnam, the international monetary situation, inflation and "a scare over the effect of price controls on profits," he said, adding that "the fundamentals are excellent and earnings for the second quarter are expected to be fine."

Monte Gordon of Sartorius & Co. said "a technical rebound of reasonable proportions" could be expected in the short term, but if it did not materialize "some time this week" there would be a downward reaction.

"This is an important week in that respect," he said.

The Big Board's most active issue was Curtiss-Wright, which has been attracting attention recently because it holds the North American rights to the Wankel rotary engine. It was up 3 1/4 to 55 1/4 on 170,500 shares.

Hammermill Paper was second most active, off 1/4 to 18 1/4. A block of 124,800 Hammermill shares at 16 was done of the 46 blocks of more than 10,000 shares that changed hands. There were 134 blocks Friday.

Among the day's gainers, Lorai Corp. was the percentage leader. Ahead 1 1/4 to 8 1/4, it was up 16.1 per cent. The biggest loser, down 14.1 per cent, was Foxboro, which was off 3 1/4 to 32. The company said its second quarter earnings would be sharply lower.

## U.S. Business Office Bombed

MANILA (AP) — An explosion rocked the American Express office here Monday night, the eve of the Philippine-American Friendship Day.

The explosion, which police believed was caused by a time bomb, shattered the glass panel in front of the office, located in the American-controlled Philam Building.

Philippine-American Friendship Day is celebrated every 4th of July to mark the anniversary of the day in 1964 when the Philippines gained its final independence from the United States.

Police said there no injuries in the explosion but estimated the damage at about \$10,000.

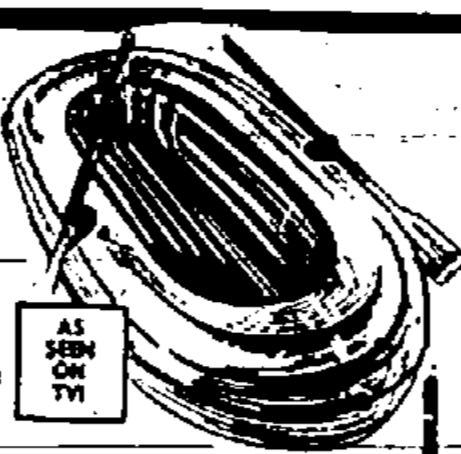
## Bonds Found In Burglary

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP) — A search of a battered safe Monday turned up more than \$3 million in non-negotiable bonds that had been believed stolen from the Ontario County treasurer's office.

The safe in the county courthouse was forced open during the weekend. At first it was reported the bonds, along with \$400 in cash, were missing. The money still is.

Police described the safe-cracking as a "highly professional job."

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