

## Jordan Says Two Israeli Hits Stopped

By United Press International  
Jordan said today it beat back two attempts by Israeli patrols to cross into its territory Thursday night.

A military spokesman in Amman said Jordanian and Israeli forces fought a two-hour battle in the Manshiya area at the northern end of the Jordan Valley. He said another 50-minute exchange took place shortly afterwards near the Sheikh Hussein bridge.

It was the second time this week Jordan had charged Israel with attempting to infiltrate Jordanian territory. The first incident was reported Tuesday.

In Cairo Arab sources said United Nations peace envoy Gunnar Jarring had failed to make progress toward a Middle East peace settlement and would take his mission back to New York.

In Jerusalem, Labor Minister Yigal Allon urged the Israelis immediately begin settling the areas on the west bank of the Jordan River captured from Jordan in the six-day June war.

The Cairo newspaper Al Akhbar said Jarring had decided to move his headquarters from Cyprus to New York, where he will have contact with Arab and Israeli envoys to the United Nations.

There have been reports the Arab nations intend to take peace issue back to the United Nations.

## Gynecologist Sees Abortion Rate Serious

BOSTON (AP) — A New York gynecologist says new estimates of the number of illegal abortions performed in the United States indicate they constitute "an epidemic of serious proportions."

Dr. Michael S. Burnhill, an assistant professor at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn said Thursday conservative figures suggest that 20 percent of the pregnancies among women in lower social classes end with illegal abortions.

Burnhill said he based his estimates on a study of records at four hospitals that he considered an "excellent sample for New York and a good sample for any large urban center."

## In Memoriam

In memory of Janice Grace Easdel, who passed away on April 17th, 1957 at 17 years of age. There's a special star in heaven For one we loved so dear. How we miss you dear Janice At the end of 11 long years.

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## PROTESTS FOR PUBLICITY?

# Fewer Americans Using War As Excuse for Dodging Taxes

By ALAN EMORY  
WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans are using the Vietnam war as an excuse for not paying all or part of their income taxes this year, according to the Internal Revenue service.

And most of them appear to be making the protest for publicity purposes, officials believe.

Instead, the protesters appear to be more active in using the war as a reason for not paying telephone excise taxes.

In both cases, however, the numbers are relatively insignificant.

Out of 70,000,000 income taxpayers, the I.R.S. says, only 275 declined to pay up in full because of Vietnam in 1965 and only 520 in 1966. So far, the 1967 count shows 93.

As for the telephone tax refusals, "about 4,800" out of 50,000,000 users took this line last year, according to Internal Revenue Commissioner Sheldon Cohen.

The American Telephone & Telegraph company put the figure at 700 in the final three months of 1966 and 1,800 during the first three months last year. The early-1967 figure included 86 residents of Pennsylvania—out of 3,000,000 telephone subscribers—and 25 in New Jersey out of 2,200,000.

I.R.S. officials say the Vietnam protest first showed up as a tax factor in 1965. Individuals ran to newspapers

## Relief Corps Honored for Blood Work

POTSDAM — Members of the Marsh Woman's Relief corps were honored Thursday night by the Potsdam Community Blood Program Steering committee at a dinner held in the Potsdam hospital cafeteria.

The Marsh women have been in charge of canteen facilities at Potsdam's three annual blood clinics since the program was established in the village. Clinics are held in the fall at the civic center, in the winter at Clarkson college and in the spring at Potsdam State University college.

The next clinic is scheduled for April 30 and May 1 at Potsdam State.

Believed to be the oldest patriotic women's organization in the United States, the Marsh Woman's Relief corps was founded in 1886 in Potsdam and has a current membership of 135. The organization includes one woman who has been a member 56 years, another for 40 years, and several 34-year members.

## 75 Cars Are Piled Up in Smoke, Fog

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Some 70 to 75 motorists, blinded by fog and smoke on a highspeed expressway, piled up their cars early today on the way to work.

Four Florida Highway Patrol cars were involved in the mile and a half snarl of traffic on the Palmetto Expressway.

Several persons were reported hurt. Ambulances were forced to travel along shoulders of the boxed-in super roadway that runs along the western fringe of Miami.

Muck fires, burning all week in the nearby Everglades, combined with fog to reduce visibility at one point to 10 feet or less. About 7 a.m., the fog lifted. Traffic began moving again about an hour later.

No Plans for Jackie  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — Kennedy for President headquarters here Thursday said there are no plans now for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy to campaign in Indiana for her brother-in-law, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

\$2,750 Presented  
POTSDAM — Bell System representatives Paul M. Villiere and William J. Harmount handed checks totaling \$2,750 to Clarkson College of Technology President John W. Graham Jr., during a visit to the institutions campus in Potsdam Wednesday.

Mr. Villiere, a Clarkson alumnus who is general manager of the Northern Area for the New York Telephone company, Utica, presented a \$2,000 gift to the college.

Mr. Harmount, division plant manager for the American Telephone and Telegraph company, Albany, handed Graham a check for

and issued press releases, they said, and filed their returns with a note or letter citing the war protest.

Some groups held protest meetings in front of I.R.S. offices and passed out flyers.

The tax collectors' problems, however, turned out to be surprisingly small. When after sending out the normal number of letters to the taxpayer, the I. R. S. sent an agent to his home, he was usually greeted with "We were expecting you," and the taxpayer then told the agent the bank in which his funds were deposited.

The government either filed a lien or, in some cases, went to the bank with the tax-

payer and obtained the money right there.

The I. R. S. found out that many of the protesting taxpayers had not received enough income to require any taxes. Others had enough withheld to cover what they owed. Some had salaries attached.

One taxpayer has consistently shrugged off I. R. S. communications, including those showing he had refunds due.

Cohen says the war protest cases are being handled "under special procedures and we are pursuing them through to collection."

"If any taxes are due we will collect them down to the

last dollar," he says.

Only 1,500 to 2,000 go to jail for not paying taxes in a single year, though, and very few of them belong in the war protest lists. One official said that 25 per cent of the protest petition signers are "students and hippies."

When the phone tax problem showed up in August, 1967, the phone companies agreed to make out lists for the I. R. S. of those who would not pay the tax. Ironically, the paper work involved in making the collection is usually more costly than the money owed.

No jailings have resulted from this situation yet.

The most famous protester on taxes and the war is folk singer Joan Baez, who has been seeking a \$36,528 refund on her 1965 tax payment of \$60,948. Although Miss Baez regularly withholds part of her tax because of Vietnam, the I. R. S. goes right ahead and attaches in-

come, property and bank accounts. Last week she said she counts to pay any tax left un-

will withhold her entire tax this year.

The singer paid \$6,000 in penalties and interest for 1963 and 1964. Government officials consider that a fee for what they call "front-page advertising." Her taxable income in 1964 was \$110,000.

The first mass tax protest involving Vietnam came with the publication of a notice signed by 350-odd names, mostly writers and educators, led by Rev. A. J. Muste, a well-known pacifist leader who had not paid any income taxes since 1948—well before Vietnam.

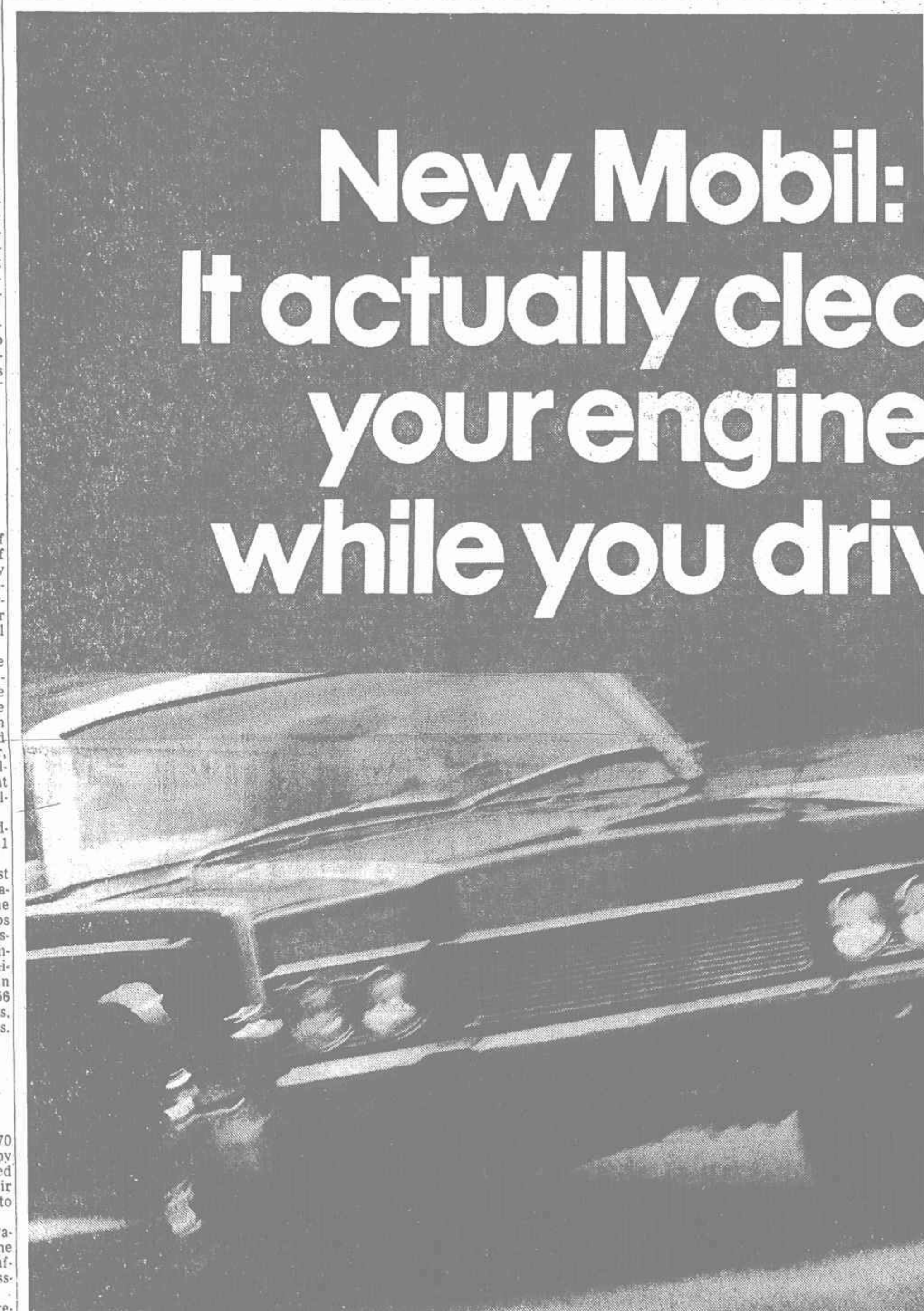
Other signers included pianist Anton Kuerti and former Yale Prof. Staughton Lynd, Merrel Lynd, co-author of "Middletown," and biochemist Albert Szent-Gyorgi.

In April, 1967, another protest list was printed in newspapers, and this year a third,

with 448 signers, was published. The list—newspapers reported—posed advertised Dr. Benji writers Nelson Mailer, James Baldwin, Lomax.

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