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## Public unimpressed by Carter's tax refund gift

By The Associated Press

President Carter has paid \$6,000 in income taxes he did not owe, saying everyone who has a significant income should pay taxes. But Beatrice Davis, one of several American taxpayers who was asked about the gift, said, "It's just a big show."

Carter disclosed Friday that he and his wife Rosalynn were due a tax refund of \$26,026 on a gross income of \$55,000 and owed no taxes for 1976 because of various business and other deductions. But the President asked for only \$20,026 back.

"I don't think he should be so bloody big about it," said Monika Huntley, 29, a Sherman Oaks, Calif., housewife. "I think he should go change the tax laws and then he will probably have to pay some taxes and not have all those deductions."

Mrs. Huntley was one of several taxpayers contacted by The Associated Press and asked their reaction to the President's gift.

"If he would have given the money to a poor family, maybe in Plains or somewhere else, that really would be something and then I would say, boy, what a nice man," said Mrs. Huntley, the mother of a 4-year-old. "But to give it to the IRS, which needs it like a hole in the head — It's stupid and I'm quite sure this is purely political."

But Daniel J. King, 32, a high school social studies teacher from Chicago's West Side, felt that Carter's action was "a really good public relations thing."

King said he thinks the main reason Carter did it is that "after the Watergate affair we saw the last president, Nixon, taking deductions which he should not be entitled to. Carter might do this to get some credibility back to the office of the President of the United States. Following him along the way, he seems to be a very principled man."

King said he wouldn't do the same himself.

The tax donation is "more publicity than it is generous,"

according to F.H. Compton, 65, of Nashville. "I certainly wouldn't give 'em anything."

When asked why Carter decided to pay the \$6,000, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell replied:

"People who reap substantial benefits from this country should pay something back even when the law does not require it in a particular case."

But Powell said the payment was only "indicative of the President's general approach" to taxes and tax reform.

Frank Higgins of Philadelphia, who is retired and lives off his social security, commented: "He just did it as a political move with his second term in mind."

But Higgins also called Carter "a very generous and benevolent man" who "shows he is willing to sacrifice things."

A New York City resident "wasn't impressed" by Carter's move. Mrs. Nathan H. Jones, who describes herself as a "senior citizen," added, "We just have to view these things as common sense and this doesn't make sense to me."

She said if Carter had refused to take a salary as did Presidents Kennedy, Hoover and Washington, that would have been generous.

In Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga., none of six residents contacted had heard of the President's gift to the U.S. Treasury. When briefed, however, Ben Deal, 27, said it "was mighty kind of him (Carter)."

But the agricultural specialist added that he didn't believe Carter's motives were entirely pure. "He's not stupid. Somebody in his position has to watch it politically."

Another Philadelphia resident, Thomas M. Conroy Sr., said the \$6,000 donation was definitely "a political move" but still "a good thing."



Photos by Sally Hunter

### Customer wars

"Star Wars" sold out 45 minutes before its first showing on Friday afternoon, John Guss, manager of The Movies, The Garden Theatre and the Screening Room said. "So far it's equal in popularity to 'Jaws' and 'Rocky,'" he said. Vince Swistak, operator-manager for the three theaters, said The Garden had sold out every show since it opened. "I hope it will continue on that way," he said. Guss said he "couldn't estimate" the number of people turned away from the movie because it was sold out. See review on page 5.

### Refugees given food, money

## Vietnamese find Israeli refuge

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Sixty-six Vietnamese refugees, turned away by Asian nations after they fled their Communist homeland in a leaking fishing boat, found asylum in Israel yesterday and were promised jobs, housing and lessons in Hebrew.

"I hope you hear in my voice what I think of all of you. I am very touched by your kindness," said Dr. Tran Quang Hua, a former army surgeon who acted as group spokesman. His voice trembled with emotion.

Each refugee was given \$70, canned food and a packet of tea on arrival. The refugees, some Buddhists but mostly Roman Catholics, were taken to a hostel in Ofakim in the Negev Desert 75 miles south of Tel Aviv. They were greeted there by welcome signs and a youth band playing "Jerusalem the Golden."

Officials said that for the next few

months most would stay in Ofakim, a development town of Yemenite and North African immigrants where they would find work in small industries.

The 34 men, 16 women and 16 children spent four days huddled on a fishing boat, with supplies of food and water running out, when an Israeli freighter plucked them from the South China Sea two weeks ago.

An Israeli official said about half the refugees may be eligible for visas to the United States. Many said they planned to stay in Israel, where they can become citizens in five years under naturalization laws similar to those of the United States. Jews gain automatic citizenship on arrival.

"They will enjoy all hospitality," said Prime Minister Menahem Begin, whose first official act after being sworn in Tuesday was to grant asylum to the

Vietnamese. He said their plight evoked memories of Jews fleeing Nazi Germany and being denied entry to Palestine.

Yehudi Huebner, an Interior Ministry official, said this was the first time Israel had received a party of non-Jewish refugees. Israel normally gives no aid to non-Jewish immigrants, but officials said the Vietnamese would receive the same aid offered to Jewish newcomers.

Though Huebner said Israel has never turned away displaced persons, it has consistently refused to allow Palestinian refugees to return to the homes they abandoned when the Jewish state was formed in 1948.

The refugee group was rejected by Taiwan, Japan and Hong Kong before Israel offered them asylum, and they said at least five ships had passed them by in the sea without offering assistance.

## Pa. budget dispute anticipated

HARRISBURG (AP) — After dozens of hours of work by 202 legislators, a final state budget will most likely be decided by six men.

If the House approves its proposed budget when it returns to work today, the Senate is sure to reject it, lawmakers have said repeatedly.

Then it would go to a conference committee of three senators and three representatives, who would create a compromise budget.

Once that budget is returned to the House for final approval, legislators can only vote yes or no. They cannot make further changes.

That bothers the rank-and-file House members, because the final budget may have radical changes: a call for higher taxes and more state funds for public schools, including Philadelphia's.

"It's frustrating, but what are you going to do when you're under a deadline?" said Rep. Phyllis Kernick, D-Allegheny.

"This all should have been done a long time ago," she said.

The House and Senate have until June 30, the end of the fiscal year, to pass a budget.

If they don't, paychecks to 108,000 state workers and money for 800,000 welfare recipients would be cut off.

But the average taxpayer wouldn't be affected immediately unless the state employees balked at working without pay.

Last Friday the House overwhelmingly rejected a \$5.6 billion budget that would have increased state spending by 13 per cent.

It also would have required raising either the 2 per cent sales tax, the 6 per cent sales tax, or a combination of the two.

House members are afraid of what might happen to their proposals when the three senators on the conference committee get their hands on them.

The senators are expected either to be led or at least influenced by Sen. Henry Cianfrani, powerful chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Utilities say gas supply OK

HARRISBURG (AP) — At least four major gas utilities in Pennsylvania say they'll have more gas this winter and customers may be spared some of last season's fuel shortages.

"The companies will have more gas in storage when winter approaches and in one case, will have a new source of supply."

In addition, all utilities in the state will be under a uniform curtailment plan designed to put any cutbacks on industrial and commercial customers who can best absorb them. The plan should help ease a repeat of the massive job

layoffs of last winter, said a Public Utility Commission (PUC) official.

The picture painted by the utilities and state officials contrasts with a gloomy report issued last week by the Federal Power Commission (FPC).

Pipelines which move gas from the fields of Texas and other Southwest states will have less fuel than last winter, the FPC said.

"We worry about generalized statements that come out of Washington," said William Harral, executive director for the Governor's Energy Council.

Actual shortages will vary from utility to utility depending on weather, demand and other factors, Harral said.

It's important to make people aware that gas is not plentiful and conservation measures should continue, "but you can't cry wolf" all the time, he said.

"We're painting a much more optimistic picture for our customers," said Walter Rogers, spokesman for Equitable Gas Co.

### Weather

Yesterday's fine weather will continue, with sunny skies today and a high of 82. Clear tonight, low 60. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny early, but becoming partly sunny later in the day, high near 82.

## 'Living together' is relaxing, efficient for some

By DIANA YOUNKEN  
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Editor's Note: This is the last of a two-part series on couples who are living together.

Ian and Jenny have been living together nine months, and they have encountered few external pressures.

"The landlord knows about us," Ian said. "I told him a female friend was moving in. He said it was okay as long as her name was on the lease, and just as long as he knows who's here and who isn't."

"I guess there are different things about a female friend moving in' and 'we're going to live together,'" he said. "The landlord did stipulate, however, that he didn't want any arguments to provoke either of them to walk out on the lease, Ian said."

Jenny said she hasn't told her parents she's living with Ian but she thinks they know anyway. "My father called the other morning and Ian answered," she said, "so I think they sort of know something must be going on."

"I think they'd be a little upset but they wouldn't say anything like, 'Well, we disown you for it,'" she added. "They're pretty understanding. I'd rather just not tell them and if they ask I'll tell them."

According to Ian, his parents know about his relationship with Jenny and

"they sort of like it. Don't ask me why... Basically, I don't think it's a big deal and I don't think they think it's a real big deal..."

Ian said he views Jenny's moving in as a rather sudden process, however, and in the beginning he had some reservations.

"At first I was wondering, you know, 'Is this going to work?'" he said. "What if I want it to end? ... How am I going to say I want it to end? — because I wanted to see other people."

"I thought a lot about that," he said. "There were times when I just had to get away from her."

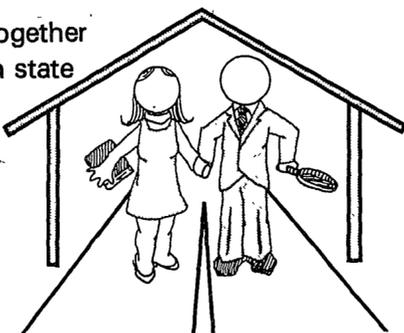
Jenny said she thinks their arrangement was established gradually. She had been paying rent on another apartment and "it was a waste of time and money," she contended. "I didn't live there. I had my stuff there (but) I was sleeping over here all the time. I did everything here except keep my stuff here."

Jenny moved into Ian's apartment officially in June and they share expenses now.

Ian said he has few qualms about the set-up anymore "because we're getting along really well."

"It's not as if we're married," he said. "We both have our separate lives. We're each free to do what we want, go where

### living together at penn state



we want, not necessarily with the other person."

Jenny reflected "I thought maybe I was going to lose a little bit of my identity, but it hasn't turned out that way."

"We have totally opposite schedules this term — which makes a difference," she added. "It's a workable relationship."

Ian agreed. "Just the fact that she's going to school and working someplace," he explained, "and I work someplace... right now we only see

each other late at night or every now and then in the day.

"It's strong," Ian said of their relationship, "and it's made us stronger persons."

"I feel a lot better now 'cause everything's opening up for me," he added.

"I don't know if Jenny's had anything to do with it or what, but the past couple terms my grades were shooting up," Ian said. "Before, my grades were really low, and just lately — I think since we've

been living together — my grades have shot up."

Jenny said that living with Ian has made school more enjoyable and less lonesome.

Ian agreed: "It's easier going than before. Before, I was constantly on the make, and not able to settle down... going out to get laid or something..."

"Now it's different," he added. "It's a lot slower. Living with Jenny, I don't go out and look to get laid. I find time to do more studying."

Both Ian and Jenny will graduate winter term and they don't expect to find jobs in their majors. They said they are relatively unconcerned about their future plans, including marriage.

"If we're still together, it's a possibility," Ian said, "but we're not committed. You shouldn't be committed, because 'commitment' is something outside yourself that you have to stay for that reason."

"I think if I were committed to her, then things would go downhill real fast," he added. "(And) I wouldn't walk out on her 'cause — just the way I feel about her."

Jenny agreed: "If I said to Ian, 'you better not leave' or something, he would feel pressured, and I think that would put a different aspect on the relationship."

"I'm thinking, 'gee, it'd be hard for me to leave,'" she said.

"And I'm thinking the same thing," Ian said. "But yet I think if it came down to where one would want to leave, it would hurt a lot."

"I don't think we'd try to stop each other," he said. "We'd probably talk about it a lot."

Because he and Jenny are friends, talking about their relationship has made "a lot of things easier" and their quarrels end quickly, he said.

Some people think too much about their relationships and what can go wrong, Ian contended. "The imagination can do strange things to the mind."

Another couple, Kay and Jack, have been living together for several months and they told their landlord they're married.

In fact, it's just a matter of time until they do get married, according to Kay, a student. "I just don't feel like going through all that wedding stuff. It's just not convenient right now."

At the moment, living with Jack is a logical alternative, she said. "There really wasn't much to think about."

"Knowing we're going to get married, we have everything together, like a bank account," Kay said. "It's just like we're married."

"I don't think I'd want to marry somebody I didn't live with for a while."