

Survey shows little recovery in states

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Government figures that cast a rosy glow last week over a recovering national economy were a small consolation Sunday for lawmakers fighting to close budget gaps in 23 states.

With wholesale prices down and factory production up, Martin Feldstein, the president's chief economic adviser, said, "It's just the kind of recovery we were hoping for."

But President Reagan's budget cuts have hit the states like a tidal wave, and a United Press International survey of 50 state governments showed the recovery has yet to trickle into state treasuries.

States still must provide welfare, schools, roads and law en-

forcement, and taxpayers nationwide are being told they must ante up the difference between the cuts and the revenue shortages.

The survey showed 15 states have adopted new sales taxes since January. Taxes on income, business, gasoline, cigarettes and liquor have been passed in 15 states. And 23 states have been unable to close budget gaps that total nearly \$4 billion.

Tax revenue — the lifeblood of state governments — was reported up in Virginia, Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska and Alabama.

Lawmakers across the nation, however, could sympathize with the speaker of the Tennessee House when he said, "Contrary

to what we've been hearing in the national press, there is no recovery in Tennessee."

An official in Texas, which has a surplus, said, "Texas is no longer recession proof" after it was forced to raise taxes on oil, gas, liquor, tobacco and amusements.

William Passannante, head of the National Conference on State Legislatures, said the fiscal problems are caused by "the national recession. The president's budget cuts will continue to have an effect on the states well into 1984."

Deficits and budget shortfalls remain in 23 states with New York still \$800 million out of balance in its 1983-84 budget despite \$1 billion in new taxes on cigarettes, liquor, traffic tickets, drivers' licenses and utilities.

States with budget gaps of over \$100 million were Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Hawaii, Illinois, Florida, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.

The others with deficits were Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Connecticut, Mississippi, California, Kansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Nevada.

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Insanity result of money

Man sues after cash find

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 PHILADELPHIA — Joey Coyle, the man who found \$1.2 million that fell from a Purolator armored car and was acquitted of theft charges, has sued, charging the company's negligence made him crazy.

Coyle, 30, an unemployed longshoreman at the time, found two sacks of money on the

street on Feb. 26, 1981. Coyle, who never denied taking the money, was arrested in New York by FBI agents on March 3, 1981 when he tried to flee the country with \$105,000 in \$100 bills stuffed in his boots.

He was charged with theft, receiving stolen goods and theft of mislaid or stolen property. But on March 5, 1982, a jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity.

His attorney, Harold Kane, filed suit in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Friday asking for the minimum amount of

damages of \$20,000. Kane, who refused to discuss exactly how much in damages Coyle would be seeking, said he would be asking "for a lot of money."

Kane said the suit charged Purolator with negligence for not properly securing the money that fell from the back of a truck without the driver knowing it.

"We're suing basically for their failure to use responsible care in the way they transported money," Kane said. "As a result of which my client was injured."

He said Coyle suffered "se-

rious physical and emotional injuries" and finding the "shocked him into a state of insanity."

Coyle allegedly received \$196,000 of the money on a day spree before he was arrested but that amount of money was recovered after he was found in a vacant Philadelphia lot.

Jurors questioned whether Coyle not guilty of the crime reached their conclusion simply putting themselves in Coyle's place.



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