

Pill-Smuggling Alleged

Actress Charged in Fracas at Airport

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Actress Jane Fonda was arrested yesterday on charges of assault and pill smuggling after she allegedly kicked a policeman and a U.S. customs agent at Hopkins International Airport here.

The 32-year-old actress spent ten hours in Cuyahoga County Jail on the Federal charges of pill smuggling and assaulting a customs agent before being released on \$5000 personal bond.

She was then booked on the local charge of assaulting a policeman, but released on \$500 surety bond for a hearing next Tuesday.

Miss Fonda's attorneys said she forgot to declare the drugs she was bringing into

the country from Canada. The Government identified the drugs as dexedrine, valium and compazine. Dexedrine is a common ingredient of diet pills and valium and compazine are tranquilizers.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Molnar said agents also found 105 vials containing some 2000 pills in Miss Fonda's luggage and that the pills are being analyzed to determine their contents. Federal officials and Miss Fonda's attorneys said the pill charge was based on pills found in a handbag she was carrying.

Police said the airport struggle developed when customs agents asked to search the overnight bag Miss Fonda brought with her on a flight

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the airport and not allowed to call an attorney, and that a nearby police phone was left off the hook for about half an hour.

"I am not a smuggler," she said, describing pills found in her purse as prescribed medicine.

She said the "kicking" incident developed when she tried to make a telephone call and go to a rest room at the airport. She said her way was blocked by a customs agent and "I pushed him to try to get into the bathroom."

One of her attorneys, Mark Lane, said Miss Fonda is on a list of persons marked for scrutiny by customs officials and charged that she was pushed around after her ar-

rest. Lane insisted that she must have an American address she asked, "Why?"

Government attorneys asked that Miss Fonda's travel be restricted and Lane argued that such a restriction would be an infringement on her rights to lecture on American "war crimes" in Southeast Asia.

The Government withdrew its request after Miss Fonda's attorneys promised she would show up for a preliminary hearing Monday.

The Federal charge of assaulting a customs agent is punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 and a maximum of three years in prison. The charges of fraudulently bringing drugs into the country is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years



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Matron took actress to be booked

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