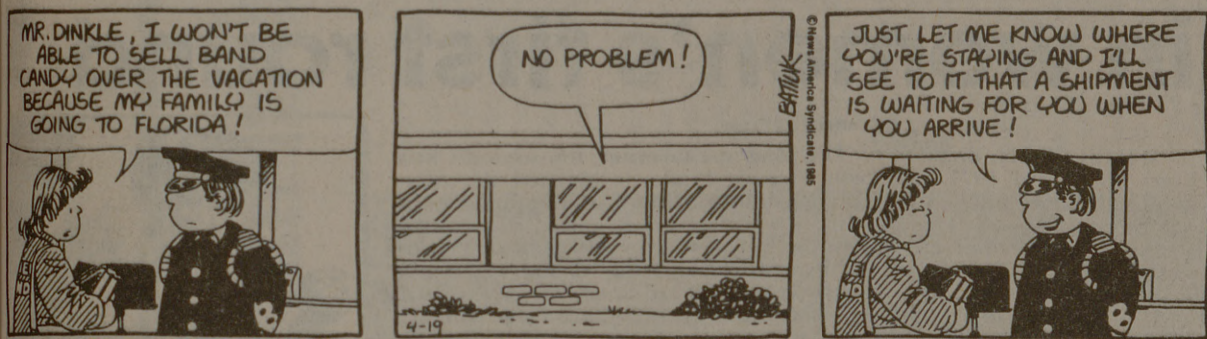


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South African guerillas call for violent uprising

Associated Press
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The African National Congress on Thursday called for a full-scale uprising against white rule, urging black police and soldiers in South Africa "to turn your guns against your masters."
 "The end of apartheid is near," the guerrilla organization said in its "call to the people," sent from ANC's office in Lusaka, Zambia.
 It was the strongest such summons ever issued by the black nationalist group, which was formed in 1912, banned by the government in 1960, and which abandoned its policy of non-violent resistance the following year.
 The ANC also said South African police set a trap that was responsible for the hand grenade and bomb explosions that killed eight blacks and wounded seven in townships east of Johannesburg on Wednesday.
 It said police posing as guerrillas gave grenades to inexperienced activists and "deliberately instructed them wrongly," causing the grenades to blow up in their hands.

Police headquarters in Pretoria gave a different account. It said the grenades or bombs went off in the young men's hands as they prepared to attack black policemen's homes in a "coordinated terrorist attack." The wounded men were hospitalized under police guard. News reports said they could face charges of sabotage or terrorism.
 The multiracial South African Council of Churches rejected the police account, saying it shared "the belief of the people (in the townships)" that the grenade incidents "came from the side of the authorities." The council suspended a national meeting in Johannesburg so delegates could attend a memorial service for grenade victims in Duzdudu township.
 The ANC urged black soldiers and police to "earn your place in the free South Africa that is coming by organizing to turn your guns against your masters." The statement was sent by telex and was issued on behalf of 250 delegates who last week attended ANC's first members' conference since 1969.

The document followed a sharp rise in rioting and bombings.
 ANC President Oliver Tambo told reporters in Lusaka on Tuesday that the conference had vowed to intensify guerrilla war, and that more civilians were likely to die.
 Last September, rioting against apartheid — the government's racial segregation system by which 5 million whites control 22 million blacks — spread in black townships across the country. White areas were largely unscathed, but more than 400 blacks perished in the violence. The ANC has said blacks are making large parts of South Africa "ungovernable."
 The ANC has stepped up sabotage recently.
 On Wednesday, bombs in the Transkei tribal homeland destroyed a fuel depot, setting off a huge fire, and damaged a power station and water line in Umtata, the capital.
 Two days earlier, a mine blast damaged the Johannesburg offices of an explosives firm that fired 600 workers in a labor dispute.

Naval doctor charged with negligence

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Navy, convening a board of general court-martial, formally charged Dr. Donald M. Billig on Thursday with "culpable negligence" by bungling surgery that killed four heart patients at the Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital.
 The Navy also charged Billig with 28 counts of dereliction of duty, six more than it had announced last Wednesday when it disclosed the recommendations of a special investigative board. The 28 counts all allege that Billig performed open-heart surgery without the presence of another cardiothoracic surgeon as required.
 The formal charges released Thursday also identified for the first time the three men and one woman who died, allegedly because of substandard care rendered by Billig.
 Lt. Stephen R. Pietropaoli, a Navy spokesman, further disclosed that none of the four were on active duty at the time of their operations, meaning their relatives are in a position to sue the Navy for damages.
 Under a legal doctrine upheld by the Supreme Court, active-duty military personnel are generally precluded from pursuing such liability suits. That doctrine does not apply to patients who are dependents or retired.
 The 54-year-old Billig was recruited into the Navy in late 1982, given the rank of commander, and assigned to Bethesda — the Navy's premier hospital — in January 1983. He became the chief of heart surgery in June 1983, a position he held until November 1984 when his privileges were suspended amid questions about his "surgical competence."
 Last April, he was formally relieved of his duties.
 Billig and his attorney, Lt. Neil Worden, have declined to discuss the case.
 The Navy, in releasing its "charge sheet," asserted it could prove that four people died due to Billig's negligence.
 The Navy investigation also has disclosed that Billig's vision was flawed and that the sight from his right eye "could not be corrected to any better than 20-400."
 Pietropaoli said he could not disclose any additional information about the four people who were allegedly killed by Billig except that none were on active duty at the time of their deaths. One of the four had been identified previously, however, as a retired Army major.
 A Navy official who asked not to be identified said it appeared likely that Billig's court martial would begin next month. If convicted on all 32 counts, Billig could face a maximum penalty of dismissal from the Navy and 26 years of confinement at hard labor.

Arkansas teacher union to fight mandatory competency testing

Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Education Association president said Thursday the union will fight in federal court a required competency exam that was failed by 10 percent of the state's practicing teachers.
 But President Peggy Nabors cautioned the public "against drawing hasty conclusions" about the teachers who flunked.
 Arkansas is the first state to require teachers already on the job to be tested for basic skills in order to retain their positions. Georgia and Texas are planning similar exams.
 The National Education Association will join the state teachers union in the court challenge, Nabors said.
 The examination tests reading, writing and mathematics skills of certified teachers and administra-

tors. Teachers who fail may retake the test.
 Teachers who don't pass the test by June 1987, or who refuse to take it, won't be recertified by the state. Some teachers boycotted the March 23 test.
 Results released Wednesday by Gov. Bill Clinton showed that 90 percent of the 28,276 teachers passed all three parts of the test.
 Failure rates were 7 percent in writing, 5 percent in reading and 3 percent in math. Teachers had to correctly answer 70 percent of the questions to pass the math and reading portions. Writing was graded pass-fail.
 "We've identified the problem, and now we're going to go out and solve it," the governor said.

Nabors said union's suit would challenge the testing law, passed by the Arkansas Legislature in 1983.
 "Do not draw hasty conclusions. The test does not measure teacher competency," Nabors said. "We cannot conclude that teachers who scored below the cutoff point... are incompetent."
 The test also has been criticized by educators who claim it is culturally biased, a charge denied by state officials and some administrators.
 The Marianna School District in Lee County had the highest failure rate — 34.5 percent. Superintendent Dick B. Clough said about 65 percent of the district's 221 certified personnel are black.
 "I don't think it's wise to try to read into or speculate on test scores," Clough said.

Mother directs attention to firstborn

Smaller of twin panda bears dies

Associated Press
MEXICO CITY — The smallest of the 2-day-old twin pandas, a pink furry baby that had been ignored by its mother, died Thursday in Chapultepec Park Zoo, the zoo's administrator said.
 The baby, which fit in the palm of a hand, lived for 37 hours in the care of zoo employees, who held it around the clock and caressed it.
 Ying-Ying, the mother, who was in fine condition Thursday, had focused all her attention on the first-born, administrator Maria Elen Hoyo said at a news conference.
 "She's a sensational mother," Hoyo said.
 She said Ying-Ying probably did not even realize she had a second baby, which was born two hours and five minutes after the first on Tuesday afternoon.

"When she saw the second one it seemed like a strange thing," Hoyo said. "Ying-Ying has been holding the first baby continuously to her chest and licking it."
 She said the firstborn, about twice the size of the one that died, seemed to be doing well.

She said the zoo would conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of death but a definite answer was not expected for about a month. Samples will be sent to the U.S. National Zoo in Washington to compare results, she said.
 The smaller panda weighed 2.4 ounces and measured 5.6 inches at birth.
 Hoyo said it suffered a "respiratory crisis" early Wednesday night, during which it was gulping air through its mouth instead of breathing through its hair-breadth nostrils. It died quietly at 4:10 a.m. Thursday, she said.
 She said the baby was believed to be male, although it was impossible

to determine the sex with complete accuracy this early.
 Neither of the twins had a name yet.
 Ying-Ying was in isolation Thursday with the other newborn and zoo officials were leaving the experienced mother alone. Hoyo said it would be six months before zoo doctors touch it.
 Reyes said the panda father, Pepe, would not be involved at all in caring for the baby, but that he seemed to take notice of the birth.
 "When he heard the baby's cries, he started walking round and round in circles," she said.

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