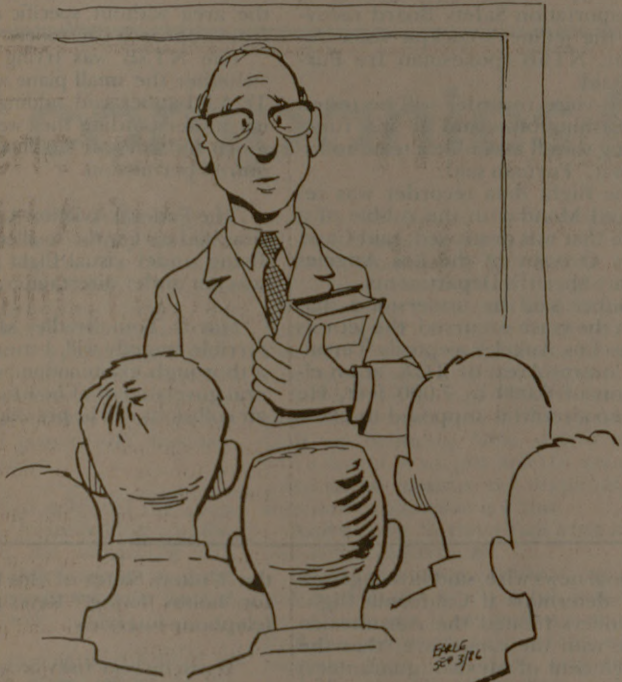


Slouch By Jim Earle



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Bomb hits store in South Africa; 18 hurt in blast

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A bomb left at the parcel counter Monday blew out the front of a store in a middle-class white suburb of Durban. Police said 18 blacks and whites were injured, including a 3-year-old girl.

Larry McDonald, a pharmacist, said, "The whole place was filled with smoke within minutes. There was chaos. People were screaming and running."

Dr. John Keenan, acting chief of emergency services for Natal province, said the 3-year-old white child and four other people were seriously wounded. The government and witnesses said the casualties were 12 employees and six customers.

It was the ninth bombing since the government imposed a nationwide state of emergency June 12 and started arresting thousands of people without charges.

their bags and packages while shopping.

Government spokesmen said one of those seriously injured was the cigarette seller, Monica Strydom, who had wounds on her head and hands. A witness said she was "covered with blood."

Two of the previous bombings occurred in Durban. Eight people have been killed and 145 wounded in the nine explosions, the last of which was Aug. 2 in Walvis Bay on the Atlantic coast.

No one has claimed responsibility for any of the attacks, but the government blames guerrillas of the African National Congress, which is outlawed in South Africa. ANC headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, has refused to confirm or deny involvement.

Vernon Mitchell, general manager of Pick 'n Pay, a chain of budget department stores, said the bomb demolished the front windows of one of the chain's stores in the Montclair shopping center and tore a hole in the ceiling.

He said the bomb was deposited at the counter where customers leave

According to government figures, 284 people have been killed in racial unrest since June 12.

The Pick 'n Pay chain was the target of a nationwide strike by more than 6,000 black workers last May that affected 40 of its 90 stores and closed 14. The strike ended weeks ago, and there was no indication of a connection between it and Monday's bombing.

Group plans suit against Pentagon over war research

WASHINGTON (AP) — An environmental activist group is preparing to sue the Pentagon to stop defensive biological warfare research while simultaneously establishing a fund to encourage scientists to disclose evidence of illegal experiments.

The Foundation on Economic Trends, successful in a similar suit against the Army, also has distributed a position paper to officials from more than 55 foreign governments, suggesting ways to strengthen a 1972 international accord banning the pursuit of biological weapons.

Delegates from more than 100 countries are scheduled to meet in Geneva next week to review the 1972 accord.

The foundation's paper disputes the recently outlined position of the Reagan administration that the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention "must be recognized as critically deficient and unfixable."

The Washington-based research organization has focused its studies in recent years on developments in biological and genetic engineering. The group describes itself as a "clearinghouse for public information" on the political, economic and environmental implications of such research.

The foundation's suit asserts that the Defense Department has expanded defensive research to such a point that it now falls under the National Environmental Policy Act, meaning environmental impact studies must be performed.

It requests both preliminary and permanent injunctions against continued research until environmental impact studies are conducted.

The suit is similar to a successful court action brought by the foundation against the Army. A federal judge issued an injunction in May 1985 that has stopped the Army from building a new biological laboratory at the Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah until it completes an impact study.

The Pentagon declined comment on the latest challenge, noting that it had not seen the suit.

Foundation president Jeremy Rifkin said a \$100,000 whistle-blower's fund that the group is setting up is designed "to protect scientists and their families who might suffer reprisals including loss of job and income and government harassment for publicly disclosing illegal biological weapons research."

Rifkin said the foundation established the fund thanks to a gift "from an anonymous donor."

The lawsuit against the Pentagon, a copy of which was provided to reporters in advance of its filing in U.S. District Court today, seeks to stop all Defense Department research aimed at identifying potential defenses against biological weapons.

Under the 1972 agreement, the United States, Soviet Union and more than 100 other countries have agreed not to develop toxic biological agents for offensive purposes. But the accord does not prohibit defensive research.

He added the foundation had already mailed details of the fund to 10,000 microbiologists in the United States and would soon attempt mailings to scientists in Europe.

As for the international conference scheduled to get underway Sept. 8 in Geneva, Rifkin said the foundation was attempting to alert delegates that the "missile gap paranoia of the early 1960's... is about to be joined by the 'gene gap' paranoia of the 1980s."

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