

Europeans Buying Guns for Defense

Johannesburg — (UPI) — Europeans today were reported buying up guns for defense against possible new violence when Africans stage a 24-hour work stoppage Monday to protest the mass shooting at near-by Sharpeville.

Chief Albert Luthuli, head of the banned African National Congress, called the work stoppage but emphasized it would not be directed against commerce or industry. Under a 1953 law, Africans are forbidden to strike.

"I call for every African man, woman and child, and upon all other sections of the people to observe Monday as a day of mourning . . . by staying home and not working," he said.

80 Africans Killed
More than 80 Africans were killed at Sharpeville and at Langa, near Capetown, last Monday and Tuesday. They had marched on police stations in crowds of thousands and invited arrest by attempting to turn in their identity books, which all non-whites must carry.

In Vanderbijl Park, near Sharpeville, a local magistrate reported that Europeans were applying for firearms permits in increasing numbers. Dealers said they were almost sold out, and were sending to Johannesburg for

new supplies. Formalities were simplified so that Europeans had only to swear that the weapons were to be used for self-defense. Armored cars patrolled the streets in four native locations, but there were no incidents.

Luthuli said that the fact that no policemen were injured in the incidents showed the government deliberately chose to ignore riot control methods "which are used in all civilized countries."

Tried Tear Gas

A South African government statement said that tear gas was tried on the crowd at Sharpeville but failed to disperse it. The statement said police could not risk a baton charge because they numbered 150 and estimated the crowd at 20,000.

Minister of External Affairs Eric H. Louw Wednesday told American Ambassador Philip Crowe that his government was concerned over the United States action deploring the shootings "without first acquainting itself with the full facts."

In the United Nations, the nine African members condemned the incident as an "inhuman massacre" and called a meeting of the 29-member Afro-Asian group today to discuss further action.



LUSK CALLS ON IKE—Judge Hall S. Lusk, newly appointed Democratic senator from Oregon, pays a courtesy call on President Eisenhower at the White House. Lusk, who took his oath of office later in the day, was named by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield to finish the term of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, who died. From left to right are President Eisenhower, Governor Hatfield, Mrs. Lusk and Lusk. —(UPI Telephoto)

OLD ARMY GAME

Jacksonville, Fla. — (UPI) — George O. McManus told police he ran into an "old Army buddy" Tuesday and asked the man to spend the night at his home. McManus said when he awoke Wednesday his clothes, a suitcase, a shaving kit and his buddy were gone.

Below Normal Temperatures Seen

Suitland, Md. — (Science Service) — Temperatures for the next 30 days will average below seasonal normals over most of the nation, the Weather Bureau here reports.

Exceptions will be the northern tier, the West Coast states and the extreme Southeast, where near-normal temperatures are expected.

Greatest departures are predicted for the Central and Southern Plains and the Ohio Valley. A reaction to spring-like weather, however, is expected during the first half of April, especially over much of the East. The Bureau's 30-day forecast calls for precipitation to exceed normal over the southern two-thirds of the country lying east of the Continental Divide. Subnormal amounts are predicted west of the Divide and along the northern border. Near normal amounts are expected in areas not mentioned.

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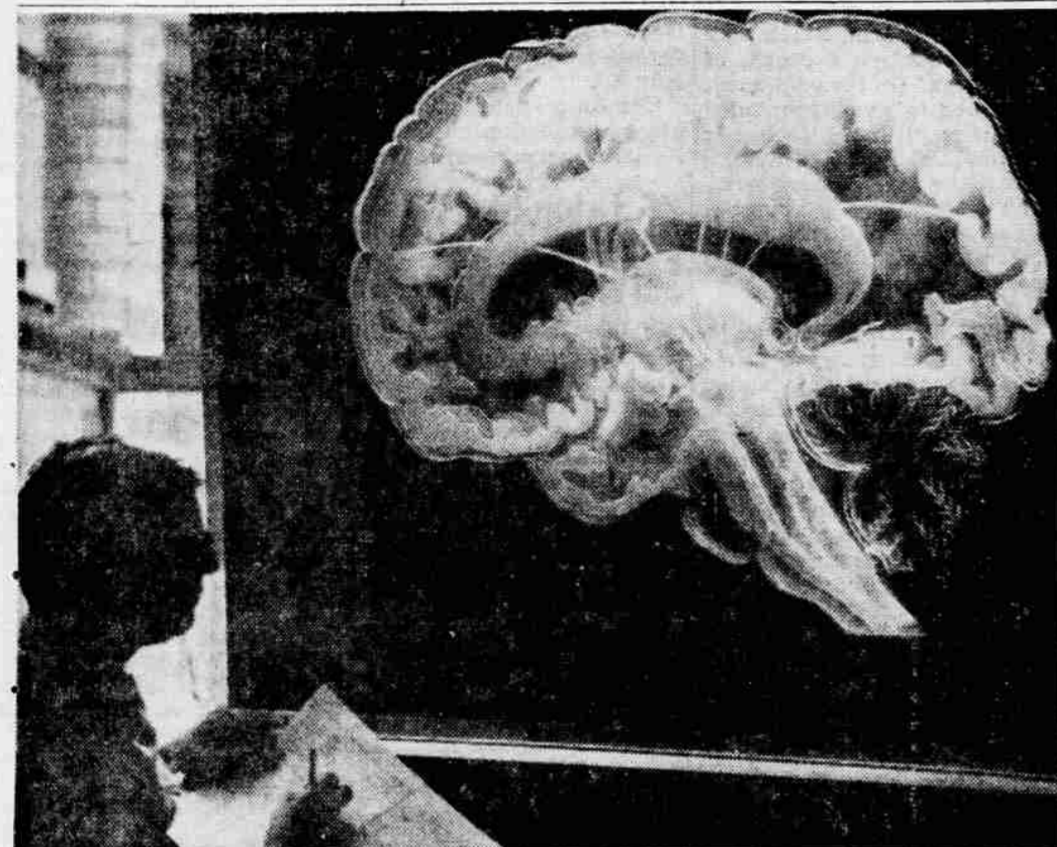
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PLASTIC BRAIN—A giant brain, constructed of plastic and showing effects of lesser-known tranquilizing drugs and barbiturates, was displayed for doctors at the opening of the American Academy of General Practice

Tranquilizers Destroy Tumors

New York — (Science Service) — Some tranquilizers have been found to increase the blood's natural ability to destroy animal tumors in test-tube experiments. Dr. Paul Fluss of the Institute of Applied Biology told the American Chemical Society here that animal blood serum treated with the tranquilizers Compazine and Frenquel halted the growth of ascites (liquid) tumors that had been removed from test animals.

When the treated ascites cells were transplanted into test mice, the mice "seemed to have lost their ability to produce tumors," he said. Untreated cells, on the other hand, induced cancer in the animals.

Certain other chemicals, including sugars and urea, seem to decrease the serum's cancer-destroying ability, Dr. Fluss said.

Although tests are now in progress with mice, he said, none of these effects have been investigated in the clinic.

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Device Protects Pedestrians

Washington — (Science Service) — Cars have had protective bumpers for a good many years. But, while they do a pretty good job of keeping the chassis from being too damaged, they are pretty hard on human beings.

With this in mind, David Gutman of Philadelphia has invented an automobile bumper that will alleviate injuries to pedestrians when hit by a car.

His device consists of three main parts—a holder, a cushioner and an ankle protector. In operation it is designed to reduce the force of a blow, to prevent injury to the feet or legs by the edge of the steel bumper, and to catch the pedestrian so that he will not fall backward on the street.

If a person is hit by the front of a car equipped with the device, his body triggers the release of the telescoping, springed extensions of the holding device. These come together behind the person's thighs so that he is held between the holding device and the cushioning device on the car's hood.

High School P.E. Study Requested

Salem — (UPI) — The state board of education asked the Oregon State Medical Society Wednesday to take a long look at the physical education program in Oregon high schools.

The board has received complaints from a number of the society's health committees about laxity in the physical education program. The board was informed of a trend in many schools for juniors and seniors to be excused from the P.E. program in favor of academic courses.

BAN DISC JOCKEY
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. — (UPI) — Radio Station WEOK Wednesday banned the use of the term disc jockey on its record shows because of "unpleasant association." A station spokesman said the word "musicians" would be used in the future.

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