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For . TO PROTECT AFRICAN WILD LIFE!
Immediate .
Release . SOUTH AFRICA BUILDING 600 MILE FENCE
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AROUND KRUGER GAME RESERVE

TO KEEP ANIMALS IN.....MEN OUT!

PUNDA MELIA, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (April--1962)... "where seldom is heard a discouraging word...and the deer and the antelope play." That's Kruger National Park in the northeastern part of South Africa, a mammoth game preserve that's bigger than the entire State of New Jersey! To make sure it stays this way...to protect its magnificent wild life from poachers and illegal hunters, a 600-mile wire fence, costing \$750,000 is now being built around its 8,000 square miles of picturesque territory.

When finished this fall, it will create the world's first "land Ark" where a vast sampling of Africa's fast diminishing animal life will be as secure as man can make it, for a long time to come.

Six feet high, with iron posts sunk in concrete at 15 foot intervals, field workers are putting up the fence at the rate of a quarter of a mile a day, per crew. Sixty eight miles remain to be finished this Fall (1962). Strands of wire connect the posts strong enough to keep in the antelope and smaller animals, but to make sure the tougher customers...elephant, wildebeest and buffalo stay put, a half inch cable is also being strung.

DREAM OF PAUL KRUGER

Kruger National Park had its beginning in 1898, created by President Paul Kruger of the old Transvaal Republic, who had been alarmed by the slaughter of African wild life. Since that time, under careful protection, animals nearly extinct have multiplied and herds which numbered millions in the days of Stanley and Livingston have been saved in respectable numbers. In 50 years' time a gratifying "population explosion" has taken place here. Elephants now number 1,200; hippopotamus 2,500; buffalo 2,800; giraffe 2,000; zebra 8,000; blue wildebeest 7,800; tsessebe 650; eland 400; koedoe 6,000; bushbuck 850; nyala 650; antelope 1,500; rhebuck 180; impala 180,000; warthog 2,500; lion 900; cheetah 150; leopard 400; wild dog 300.

ANIMALS....NOT PEDESTRIANS HAVE "RIGHT OF WAY"

Motorists are welcomed to Kruger National Park, whose 200 mile length is threaded with roads. You cannot get out of your car - you have to keep moving and you can park only at rest camps. Tourists are perfectly safe while in their car as the human scent is killed by the exhaust fumes from the car. The speed limit is 25 miles an hour...and when you see the impala making 40 foot leaps in front of you, or elephants, lions, and giraffes casually crossing your path, you understand why. It is one of the greatest open air natural history museum on earth and a sight no visitor will ever forget.

AFRICAN "MOTELS" - "CAGED IN TOURISTS"

There are now 12 rest camps in the park...cabins called "rondavels" with thatched roofs...African style "motels" with all the comforts you see in the U.S.A. But much cheaper! A night's stay costs only about \$1.50 with meals (no elephant steaks served here!) at .80 cents each. When night falls the park gates are closed. Motor traffic and wandering about on foot are prohibited...and you are for all practical purposes prudently "caged in"...after all a "leopard doesn't change his spots" just because he entertains people! Gates open at 6:30 A.M.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROPER SEQUENCE OF ASSEMBLY OF SCENES:

1. Map of Africa - ZOOM - FADE map Republic of South Africa
2. LS - Air view Johannesburg (take-off point for Kruger Park)
3. MS - Traffic downtown Johannesburg
4. LS - Air view veldt en route to Kruger Park
5. MLS - Car on road entering Kruger Park
6. MS - Running shot via windshield
7. MS - Impala running across road
8. MCU - Impala
9. MS - Impala under trees
10. MS - Car and baboon on road
11. MCU - Baboon crosses road
12. CU - Baboon eating apple
13. MS - Car on road from behind
14. MS - Giraffe
15. MCU - Children watching from car
16. MS - Giraffes running
17. Roan antelope running - PAN
18. MLS - A rest camp of "rondavels"...for tourists
19. LS - River framed by "rondavels" and tourists in foreground
20. LS - Car passing in Kruger Park
21. LS - Herd of hippopotami in Olifants (Elephant) River
22. MS - Hippos
23. MCU - Hippos
24. MS - Kudu on road

25. MS - One Kudu running
26. MLS - Fence building
27. MS - Two men carrying ball of wire
28. MCU - Man sighting
29. MCU - Men tamping posts
30. MCU - Men " "
31. MCU - Men attaching wire to post. One has given himself a "beauty treatment" - lets soap dry on his head for "sex appeal"
32. MCU - "Soapy"
33. EXCU - Pliers fixing wire to post
34. MS - Man with walkie-talkie (these are used to locate animal herds)
35. MS - Lioness PAN to cars on road (this is at place called "Skuzuza")
36. CU - Negro soldier with walkie-talkie
37. MS - Lioness
38. MS - Lioness
39. MS - Car on road
40. MCU - Lioness
41. MS - Zebras - PAN
42. MS - Zebras - PAN
43. MC SIGN - "Beware Elephants (not a good idea to get too close! - the cameraman still doesn't feel quite the same after this shot and the closer ones that follow!)"
44. MS - Three elephants (this was taken at a point in park called "Letaba")

45. MS - Single elephant - "king of the herd" - a nervous bull who didn't like being photographed!
46. MCU - Mud covered bull elephant. He didn't like being disturbed while taking his "beauty" - a cooling mud bath
47. MCU - Elephant under tree
48. MCU - Head of bull elephant - it takes nerve to photograph a bull this close!
49. MCU - And here's proof! - The bull elephant tosses his head very annoyed by the two legged cameraman
50. MS - Elephant walks off

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