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# 'AIDS' BLOOD ALERT

by Alan Massam

**FORTY-ONE** adults have received blood contaminated with the killer AIDS virus, the Department of Health and Social Security disclosed today.

A spokesman said the discovery was made after a man from the South Coast entered hospital in October suffering from the disease and said that he had been a blood donor.

It was found that his blood had been given to three adults—a man of 78, a man aged 40 and a young woman who subsequently had a baby.

Fractions from it had been given to 29 haemo-

philiacs in the Wessex Health Area and nine in Wales.

Haemophiliacs need regular supplies of blood-clotting agents.

The DHSS spokesman stressed that all the adults were under surveillance and none has developed AIDS.

The blood they received was donated at two sessions, in September 1983 and in March this year by a Bournemouth man since diagnosed as an AIDS victim.

Few cases of exposure to the virus responsible for AIDS result in people developing the disease. This is thought to be because they develop antibodies to the virus.

Nobody can rule out the other worrying possibility that exposure to the virus may result in disease years after the initial contact.

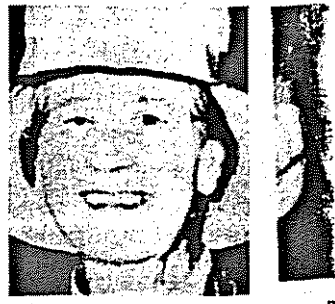
Doctors have warned that the potential for spreading AIDS via blood products showed that it had profound health implications.

One expert, Dr Richard Tedder, of the Middlesex Hospital, said: "It is time people realised that AIDS is not just a gay disease. It can be spread through blood products and can be transmitted to the girl friend of bisexual men."

Dr John Seale, a former consultant at the Middlesex Hospital, said: "I had been warning for some time that the Health Department must recognise that AIDS is not just a sexually transmitted disease. Last week it was reported that a nurse was at risk when she pricked her finger with a hypodermic syringe containing blood from an AIDS patient."

"I think the DHSS should do much more to discourage homosexuals, who are at risk from AIDS, from donating blood."

Dr Searle said that researchers were trying to perfect a test which would identify the AIDS virus in blood but this was unlikely to be achieved in less than six months' time.



HILDA MURRELL: investigation promised.

## Amazing murder story by MP

Standard Reporter  
BRITISH intelligence officers were responsible for the death of a 78-year-old woman while searching her home for sensitive documents linked with the sinking of the Belgrano, an MP claimed today.

Home Office Minister of State, Mr Giles Shaw, promised that the allegations raised by Labour MP Mr Tam Dalyell in the Commons would be given "full consideration and a proper, and I hope, comprehensive reply."

However, a spokesman for West Mercia police refuted Mr Dalyell's allegations. He said: "We were made aware of allegations of this kind sometime ago. They have been fully investigated and we have found no evidence to support a theory of this kind. This line of inquiry is certainly not being pursued further at the present stage."

Mr Dalyell, a persistent questioner of Government motives for the sinking of the Argentinian cruiser, told MPs that Commander Rob Green, the nephew of the dead woman, Miss Hilda Murrell, had held a key position in Naval intelligence and passed the signal ordering the Belgrano's sinking.

It was known that he was unhappy about the war, finding it unnecessary, and since left the Navy.

"It was thought that of Rob Green's records might be in the hands of his aunt to whom I was close."

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