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Doctor says AIDS cases the 'tip of the iceberg'

United Press International BOSTON — AIDS is probably far more widespread than previously believed, with many people unwitting carriers, because the disorder may also have a mil-der, non-fatal form, the nation's top AIDS investigator warned Wednesday.

Dr. James Curran of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said the method to diagnose and report AIDS, which attacks the body's immune system, "leads to an underestimation of the size and severity of the problem."

In an interview, he said the 2,157 AIDS cases — 852 of them fatal — reported as of the third week of August may be "essential-ly the tip of the iceberg."

Curran wrote an editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine to mark the two-year anniversary through contaminated blood pro-

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since Acquired Immune Deficien-cy Syndrome was first officially re-and may be caused by a virus. ported. He said in diagnosing "I think we'll probably find a AIDS doctors should check if vic- larger number of people affected - have such infections associated a small portion," he said, estimatwith the disease as a rare form of cancer, Kaposi's sarcoma, and an uncommon type of pneumonia. higher by "several fold." But, he said, "There is no need

disease itself.

But Curran, an epidemiologist who heads the CDC's AIDS Activity unit, wrote it "is also likely that a variety of chronic symptoms" that also may be the result of other diseases — swollen lymph glands, recurrent fevers and weight loss 'are related to the syndrome.'

Such disorders have been found among homosexuals, hemophi-liacs, drug abusers and Haitians, have it. Eighty percent of people with AIDS — as presently defined — die within two years because they the high risk groups for AIDS.

> ournal, doctors said an unusual type of human interferon that has previously been found in homose-xual AIDS patients has also been discovered in the blood of two

State University said if corroborated with further research, the finding might lead to using the un-usual form of interferon — a substance normally produced by the body to fight disease — as a "mar-ker for the early detection of AIDS."

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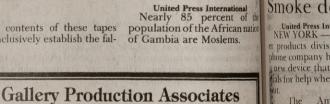
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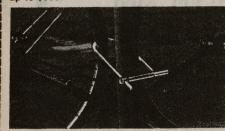
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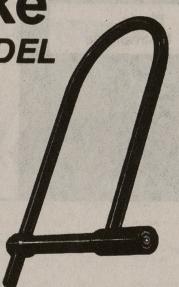
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