

Scientists find new AIDS virus in U.S. patient

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A second AIDS virus that was discovered 2 1/2 years ago in West Africa and later spread to Europe has now been discovered for the first time in a patient in the United States, researchers said Wednesday.

The researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey said it is the first time the virus has been seen in the Western Hemisphere.

They said the patient was exposed to the virus in West Africa.

Researchers call the virus HIV-2, for human immunodeficiency virus, type 2.

That distinguishes it from the original AIDS virus, designated HIV-1.

Officials at the New Jersey hospital said the patient who is carrying HIV-2 has developed AIDS as a result of the infection.

The officials would not release the identity or location of the patient and would not say when the diagnosis was made.

Gail Lloyd of the government's Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta confirmed that this case is the first known diagnosis of the HIV-2 infection in the Western Hemisphere.

The university said in a statement that investigations have revealed no evidence that the patient with HIV-2 has spread the virus to anybody else in the country.

Dr. Myron Essex, a researcher at Harvard University, has maintained that the HIV-2 virus does not cause illness as severe or in the same frequency as the HIV-1 virus, a view

disputed by researchers in the United States and France.

"It was inevitable that we'd see a case here," Essex said Wednesday. "But there is no cause for alarm."

Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, who discovered HIV-2 and was one of the discoverers of the original AIDS virus, said illness caused by the HIV-2 virus is exactly the same as the illness caused by HIV-1.

Kirk Petersen, a spokesman for the New Jersey hospital, declined to reveal any more details about the diagnosis and said further questions would be answered at a news conference today.

Last June at the international AIDS conference in Washington, researchers predicted that the virus soon would arrive in the United States, but they said it would not herald a second AIDS epidemic.

"It's not a cause of great concern from the public's point of view," Dr. James Curran, head of the AIDS program at the Centers for Disease Control, said in June. "But it will be a problem for scientists trying to develop vaccines and treatments."

The disease is a subset of the current disease," Curran said. "The same people who are at risk of AIDS now will be at risk from this virus. We don't anticipate it creating any other risk groups or causing a different kind of disease."

A screening test for HIV-2 has been developed and is awaiting approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Curran said.

HIV-2, like HIV-1, is believed to be transmitted through sexual contact, blood transfusions and contaminated hypodermic needles.

Group charges FBI with violating rights of political activists

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New York-based legal group charged Wednesday that the FBI violated the civil rights of hundreds of people in conducting a six-year investigation into organizations opposed to U.S. policies in Central America.

The FBI acknowledged that it had conducted an investigation into the Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador, or CISPE, but maintained that it was looking into "alleged criminal activity rather than the motives and beliefs of those being investigated."

And in an interview late Wednesday, Justice Department spokesman Pat Korten contended that the Center for Constitutional Rights, which has had the FBI documents for nearly two months, released the papers Wednesday because "they are attempting to influence the Contra aid vote in the U.S. Congress."

"This has little, if anything, to do with the FBI and has a lot to do with their attempt to influence the Congress," Korten added.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, criticized the FBI's conduct.

"We want the FBI to catch spies, terrorists and crooks and put them in jail, not keep political groups under surveillance, even ones that dis-

agree with the president," Edwards said.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, founded in 1966 to provide "legal support to progressive movements," obtained 1,320 pages from FBI files through the Freedom of Information Act.

Many of the pages contained blacked-out sentences or paragraphs, and the center said the documents represent only about a third of the government's files.

Margaret Ratner, the center's education director, said the FBI began its investigation in 1981 to determine if any members of CISPE, a group working to end U.S. intervention in Central America, were foreign agents.

The FBI's field offices found no evidence to back up that claim, she said, so the focus of the investigation was turned into a "foreign intelligence-terrorism" inquiry "even though no basis for such existed."

"The new category allowed the FBI to utilize 'special techniques,' that are considered illegal when applied to domestic investigations," she said.

The FBI got its authority to conduct the probe from an executive order signed by President Reagan in December 1981 that allows the bureau and the CIA to watch people even if they are not suspected of breaking the law or acting on behalf of a foreign power, Ratner said.

New form of cocaine with deadly byproducts surfaces, officials warn

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A deadly new form of cocaine is beginning to surface on the streets, and law enforcement officials say it poses a "triple threat" because of its low price, high potency and quick addictive effect.

So-called "basuco," also known as "bazooka," "little devil," "diesel" or "coke paste," sells for as little as \$1 a vial and gives a faster and stronger high than the cocaine derivative crack.

But basuco, the Spanish word for cocaine paste or cocaine sulfate, is made in a simple, one-step process that produces high residues of lead and sulfuric acid.

"It is incredibly harmful to any individual smoking it," said Lt. Jack Quigley, assistant director of the Bergen County Narcotic Task Force.

"The coca leaves are soaked in kerosene and the eventual result is a brown, sticky base, with a high lead content and other additives," Quigley said.

Bergen County police recently arrested several people who sold a small quantity of basuco to an undercover agent, he said.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents based in Newark have not investigated any cases involving basuco, special agent Steve Morreale said.

"We are hearing reports that it's being seized by several county agencies," he said. "We are presently conducting a study within the 21 counties of New Jersey ... to determine its prevalence."

But DEA agents are aware of the potential basuco threat, Morreale said.

"The pockets where it's being found are where there's an influx of South Americans," he said.

"Basuco has regularly been used in Bogota, Colombia, and I suppose those people who have moved here have tried to spread it around."

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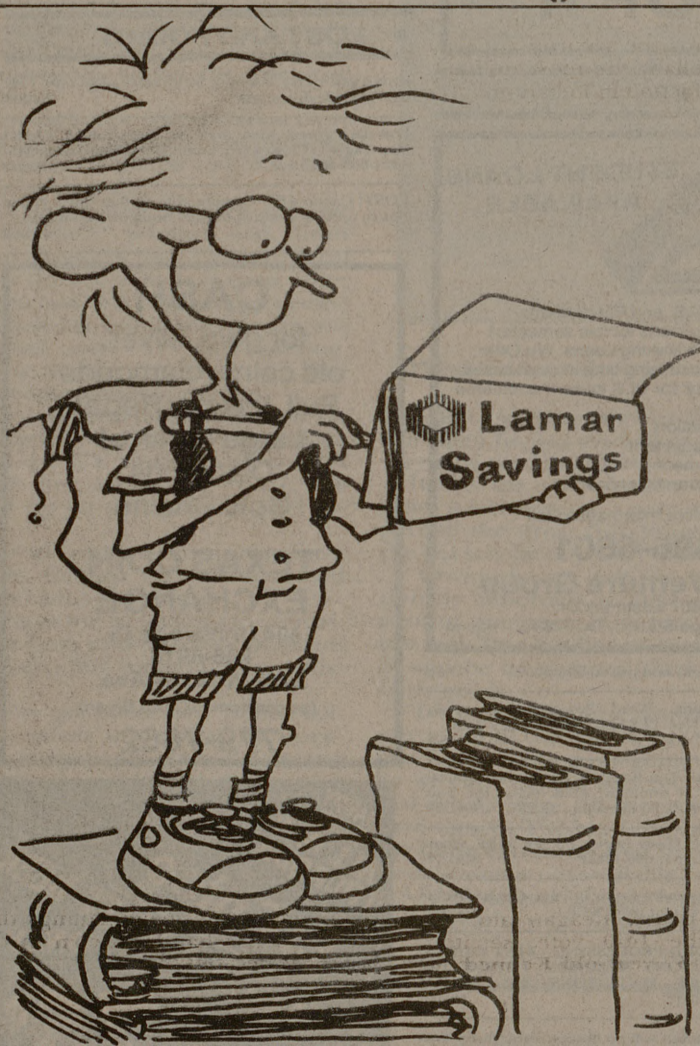
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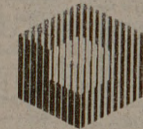
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