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Victim was treated with blood plasma from US and Britain

Haemophiliac's death from Aids after transfusion

By Sarah Boseley

A man suffering from haemophilia has died from Aids after receiving a blood transfusion at a Newcastle hospital. It was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Terence McStay, aged 33, was treated with blood plasma from both Britain and the United States. But authorities at Newcastle's Victoria Infirmary do not know whether he developed Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) from contaminated imported plasma or plasma donated here.

Mr McStay is the second British haemophiliac to have died of Aids. In August last year, a middle-aged man who had been taking Factor 8 died at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Factor 8 is an American-produced blood-clotting product, but the Haemophilia Society has urged its members to continue its use.

Victoria Infirmary's hospital administrator, Mr Barrie Adeswell, said yesterday: "All we can say with certainty is that Mr McStay received treatment from us, and his haemophilia was treated with

Factor 8, a blood plasma product.

"That was obtained both from this country and America, but the problem is basically that as yet there is no test for Aids, and it has not been possible to identify the cause of his illness with any certainty. No other patient at our centre has Aids, and all patients have been under careful scrutiny."

Mr McStay, a laboratory worker, died at his parent's home in Wisshaw, Lancashire, this month. His death will increase pressure on the Government to make Britain self-sufficient in blood products, especially in the light of the deaths in Australia last week of 13 people, including three babies, believed to have been infected with Aids through blood transfusions.

Yesterday the former Health Minister, Sir Gerard Vaughan, called for government support for research to identify Aids, and demanded a Commons statement from the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler.

He added: "As a country we should aim to be self-sufficient in our blood supplies."

Gummer attacks bishop for 'cheapening church'

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is that it cheapens the Church."

Mr Gummer defended his controversial remarks even before making them from the pulpit of the University Church of Great St Mary's. "It is because I am concerned about the reputation of the

although on a wholly religious theme — defended Mr Gummer. He said the bishops were not talking about the real issues. He also described the Bishop of Durham's theological views as "eccentric."

Maryn Halsall adds: A Church House spokesman accused Mr Gummer of not appearing to know what the facts

Women say they were held in pit by troops

By Sarah Boseley

Protesters demonstrating peacefully outside an Army base in Hampshire claim they were detained by armed soldiers in a muddy pit.

Some of the demonstrators outside Longmoor Camp, near Liss, in Hampshire, have been arrested by police for obstruction, and others have trespassed on Ministry of Defence artillery ranges which are part of the base, and finally given themselves up to soldiers.

Many local people have been involved in the demonstrations, which have been continuous since a cruise missile convoy was tracked to the base by members of the protest movement in the early hours of Thursday.

Among those who went to the base to lend their support on Friday night were a mother and her 13-year-old daughter, who were both arrested, they say, while walking on land where villagers from Greatham, daily, take their dogs.

Mrs Tessa Babcock said: "Two soldiers came towards us and said we shouldn't be there. I pointed out that I was a local resident and had been using that patch of land as a walking area for eight years.

"We were about to go back when a policeman who had been watching came up. We were guided back to the road and put in a police van with mesh on the windows."

Mrs Babcock said she and her daughter Zoe and several other women with her were not charged or cautioned, but driven on to the firing range inside the base. They were taken out of the vehicle beside a shed and saw at one end of the range a deep pit. It was about 11pm.

"It was like an empty swimming pool, with mud at the bottom and completely surrounded by barbed wire. It was about five feet deep. They told us to get into this pit

Quagga genetic

By Anthony Tucker
Science Correspondent

THE dodo may not be quite dead, the great mammoth might be stirring, and a zebra-like horse, the quagga — which became extinct just over a century ago when the last one died in Amsterdam Zoo — is still here.

Scientists in the US and Britain have succeeded in cloning preserved fragments of genetic material from preserved fragments of animals long dead.

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CB ready for 'surge' back to pits

by Paul Runtledge
Labour Editor

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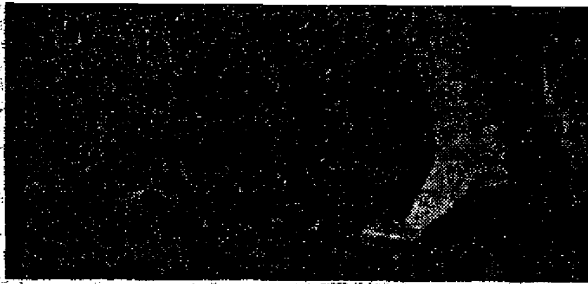
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replace his old friend at the
Department of Trade and
Industry, returning to the job
he was forced to relinquish in
the wake of the Sara Keays
affair last year.

Although Mr Tebbit would
undoubtedly like to be back at
the Cabinet table before Christ-
mas, the Prime Minister will be
keen that he should not do
anything which would impair
his recovery and when the time
comes to make a decision on
her friend's future she will want
to take his views into account.



Mrs Thatcher carrying a basket of flowers on her visit to Mr Tebbit in Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

Newcastle patient dies of Aids

A man has died of Aids after
receiving blood transfusions at
a Newcastle hospital, it was
disclosed yesterday.

Blood plasma from Britain
and the United States was used
in the transfusions, Mrs Patricia
McGarry, who nursed the patient
from his death, said. She was not
aware of the fact that the blood
plasma was contaminated with
the Aids virus.

The patient, a 35-year-old
man from Warwickshire,
died in hospital in Newcastle
last week. He had been in
hospital for several months
with a severe form of Aids,
acquired immune Deficiency
Syndrome, after receiving trans-
fusions in Britain of homosex-
ually transmitted drug users
had been urged not to give
blood.

The administrator of Victoria
Infirmary, Mr Barrie Dowdes-
well, said yesterday: "There is
no test for Aids, and it has not
been possible to identify the
cause of his illness with any
certainty. "No other patient
served by our centre has Aids,
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under careful scrutiny."

The Government is to issue

FitzGerald arrives for summit

From Richard Ford
Belfast

Mr Garrett FitzGerald arrived
in Britain last night for a
summit meeting with the Prime
Minister today which is to be
held at Chequers.

The Dublin aide, an un-
precedented security risk, is
refusing to confirm that the
summit was on.

The summit should have
been in Dublin, but was
scrapped after the provisional
IRA attempt to kill Mrs
Margaret Thatcher and her
cabinet at Brighton. Mrs
Thatcher's security advisers
were reluctant for her to be in
Dublin twice within a short
period, she is due there next
month for the EEC heads of
government meeting.

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Briton held for Cairo plot admits Libya ties

By Michael Horsnell, London, and Alice Brinton, Cairo

One of two Britons arrested
in Egypt after the discovery of a
bizarre plot to assassinate a
former Libyan prime minister
said on Cairo television last
night he had been cooperating
with the Libyan regime of
Colonel Gaddafi since last July.

In a brief interview, Mr
Anthony Gill, aged 48, the
owner of a car spare parts firm
in London, said he arrived in
Egypt on October 19 but made
no comment about his alleged
role in the death plot.

The \$400,000 (£317,000) plot
was uncovered by the Egyptian
intelligence service, which elab-
orately faked the killing to draw
the Libyans into a public

admission of involvement - a
ruse Tripoli fell for.

British consular officials in
Cairo last night were seeking
access to Mr Gill 48; and Mr
Godfrey Chiner, 47, also from
London.

With two Maltese subjects,
whose interests the British
Embassy are also responsible
for, they allegedly formed a "hit
squad", financed by Colonel
Gaddafi, which aimed to hire
Egyptians to murder Mr Abdul
Hamid Bakoush, a prime
minister of King Idris and
now leading an anti-Gaddafi
organization in Cairo.

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