

Mr Wilson said last night he was concerned the report had been suppressed for a number of weeks.

Mr Michael Brown, director of administration, said the council was waiting to hear from Mr Troman.

Mr Dalyell told the Commons that Cmdr Green, who has since left the Royal Navy, was in a position to know about the receipt and dispatch of signals to and from the submarine *HMS Conqueror* which sank the Argentine cruiser, *General Belgrano* on

Cor David Crawford-Clarke, the coroner who conducted the inquest into Miss Murrell's death, said he had not heard the allegations before, but added: "I'm quite sure it's utter rubbish anyhow. No sane person would believe anything like that."

and said that the Special Branch had been involved in the subsequent investigation.

At the inquest, the Chief Constable of West Mercia, Chief Supt David Cole, said he had been led to "the inescapable conclusion" that Miss

Mrs yesterday because of its bizarre quality. They realised — in spite of the dismissive remarks of Mr Edward Leigh, Tory MP for Gainsborough, who called the speech "manic" — that Mr Dalyell is likely to pursue the detailed allegations in his usual relentless fashion.

geted" for strikes, and among secondary teachers who were being asked to withdraw from examination procedures.

Ballots were not necessary on exam marking since this was not part of a teacher's contract. But the EIS would be

AIDS virus found in infirmary blood supply

By WILLIAM PAUL

Blood donated in Scotland has been found to be contaminated with the virus which can cause Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS, the killer disease which affects mainly homosexual males.

The virus has infected 15 haemophiliacs undergoing treatment at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary who used the special blood-clotting agent Factor 8 which had been prepared from a particular batch of plasma. That batch has now been withdrawn and the problem has been confined to the East of Scotland.

Doctors are working to

identify the source of the contamination. The donor, while carrying the virus, will not necessarily suffer from the disease and may be completely unaware of his condition.

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service announced yesterday that all supplies of Factor 8 were now being subjected to heat treatment to kill off the virus. The same process cannot be applied to whole blood.

Dr Christopher Ludlam, a consultant haematologist who is director of the Edinburgh haemophilia centre, said antibodies to the AIDS virus had been found in his patients' blood but that did not mean

they would necessarily contract the disease. He said all the patients were clinically well and he estimated the chance of their actually developing AIDS as one in 2,000.

He added, however, that not enough was known about the natural history of the virus to be able to say when the patients might be considered to be safe from the threat of the disease.

In a separate incident in England, blood donated by a man from Bournemouth, later found to be suffering from AIDS, could affect at least 41 other people.

The man's blood was used in transfusions given to a woman and a 78-year-old man. The woman from Brighton became pregnant and her baby has also been discovered to be carrying the virus. She has not, to save her worry, been told of the AIDS threat.

The contaminated blood was also used in the preparation of Factor 8 which has infected 29 haemophiliacs in Wessex and nine in Wales. The Wessex health authority is now heat treating all batches of Factor 8 but this will not become the universal practice in England until next April.

The Scottish transfusion service has renewed its plea that people in groups known to have an above average risk of contracting AIDS should not give blood because of the risk of transmitting the virus, known as HTLV 3.

People at risk are classified as sexually active homosexual men, drug abusers, residents or visitors to Chad, Haiti and Zaire. Also the sexual partners, male and female, of these groups.

A revised leaflet explaining the situation is now being issued to all blood donors who are being asked to sign statements that they do not come under the classifications.

Scotland is one of the few countries to be self-sufficient in whole blood and blood products, and was thought to be at lesser risk of invasion by the virus.

In September, a man in the West of Scotland was diagnosed as suffering from AIDS, which destroys the body's immunity to infection. He was a haemophiliac but is believed to have been treated with a suspect transfusion in England before the symptoms appeared.

There are about 400 haemophiliacs in Scotland; half of them are registered at the Edinburgh centre.

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play and the later novel, with the still later film scenario and unpublished material from Barrie's manuscript. With the

though, and moving was the difference between her bossy, little-girl, self-possession on the island and her vulnerability

suddenly sought shelter in his mother's arms from those scoundrelly sneers and leers.

Christopher Grier

Queen's Hall: Edinburgh Quartet

PLACED between Mendelssohn and Mozart, Bartok's third string quartet would once have seemed the most abrasive of works. Played last night by the Edinburgh Quartet, however, it seemed part of music's continuing history of lyricism.

To achieve this, the players did not suppress those aspects of the score which listeners once deemed "tough" and "dissonant," but simply allowed them to take their place, without emphasis, in the context of a performance where Bartok's contrapuntal flow of ideas mattered as much as his fierce chords and glissandi. The result was rarely as gentle as Mendelssohn's E flat major quartet, Op 12, which opened this concert at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, but at the right moments it had its own sort of serenity.

That Miles Baster and his colleagues were able to demonstrate this so convincingly was a confirmation of how well, and how subtly, they have been performing this season. Admittedly, the sound they produced sometimes had a wiriness — noticeable at the start of the finale of Mozart's D major quartet, K 499 — which brought the wrong sort of tone quality to the music; but by presenting this work at the end of the programme, instead of, more traditionally, at the beginning, they showed that they were treating it seriously as the masterpiece it is.

Their purposeful account of the adagio was one of the performances most impressive features. But even the Mendelssohn, though allotted the position usually given to Mozart, was treated unhurriedly and with proper care,

right down to a firm, clear statement of the viola line which cuts into the main theme of the second movement but which in so many performances goes for nothing.

Conrad Wilson

BY REQUEST

Three tear-jerking minutes at the end of a two-hour ITV film were repeated last night because a line fault meant that the soundtrack explaining the hero's fate was silenced on Wednesday night. Millions watching the drama *Arch of Triumph*, based on a true story of Paris in 1939, had just seen Anthony Hopkins break down at the death of his lover, Lesley-Anne Down. Then the sound went dead. ITV switchboards were jammed with calls from angry viewers.

in 'protection' house

The British woman held prisoner in Libya for 14 months is being detained in a house of "protection" until her husband gives her permission to leave or grants her a divorce, it emerged yesterday.

Mrs Susan Suweisi (33) was originally jailed in Tripoli for five days on an adultery charge in October 1983. Then, at the request of her husband she was placed under house arrest. Under Muslim law a husband can have his wife detained in a house of protection when he no longer wants her in the marital home.

Because Mrs Suweisi is involved in a private domestic matter, the Foreign Office say it is powerless to help. A spokesman said yesterday: "In this particular case there is nothing we can do to help secure Mrs Suweisi's release because it is a private legal matter.

"However, she has been

visited by a member of the British community in Tripoli at our request and, when the matter is settled, he will be able to arrange to help her return to the UK."

Mrs Suweisi, married her husband Mahhood six years ago at Salisbury register office. They met while he was at college in the Wiltshire town, and after their marriage moved to Libya.

Mrs Suweisi's maiden name was Bugler, and her brother Mike and his wife Myra live in Salisbury.

Mrs Myra Bugler, said yesterday that she and her husband were first told more than a year ago that Mrs Suweisi was in jail.

"She tried to escape through Customs at Tripoli using her maiden name but was detained. We got in touch with the Foreign Office but after two letters from them we have just waited and waited.

Petrol blaze injures gipsy

Mr Edward Mulvanny, a gipsy, was in hospital with serious burns last night after his teenage niece filled a kettle with petrol from a container she believed held water.

Maria Williams (17) set the kettle on a gas stove and Mr Mulvanny (37) tried to control the subsequent blaze which threatened to engulf the caravan parked on a temporary site at Belle Vue, Doncaster. A hospital spokesman said his condition was satisfactory.

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