

people tested in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake, 187 were positive, a 9% rate.

Although Virginia state health officials are publicly attempting to quell the population's panic over the rapid spread of the AIDS virus, attributing the massive increase in cases to increased testing, they are privately conceding that the situation is out of control.

Sources close to Governor Gerald Baliles indicate that he plans to make AIDS policy the centerpiece of his administration, but as yet, no bold moves to stop the spread of the infection seem to be on the governor's agenda.

And, despite the refusal of Virginia state officials to discuss it in public, the real issue in the migrant camps is AIDS.

### The Florida problem

While Virginia's migrant workforce comes from all over, the majority of them start the season in Florida. A good number are Haitians, and even more spend a considerable portion of their time in Belle Glade.

The Belle Glade case is worth reviewing. Drs. Mark Whiteside and Caroline MacLeod, of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, have produced indisputable evidence of the connection between the environmental factors resulting from economic squalor and the outbreak of AIDS.

Belle Glade not only exhibits the highest incidence of AIDS in any city in the United States, but also a remarkably high incidence of AIDS (about 50%) among "non-risk" groups (people who have not contracted the disease either through sexual contact, dirty needles, or blood transfusion), in a pattern similar to regions of Africa where the AIDS epidemic rages.

But Belle Glade is unique only because it is the only place where we have thorough data. The fact is that there are hundreds of Belle Glades in America today, and the unfolding picture in Virginia's migrant population, with its tuberculosis resurgence and general economic squalor, unfortunately, bears a striking similarity to Belle Glade.

Today, even the Centers for Disease Control, accused of orchestrating a massive cover-up of the AIDS epidemic, admits that outbreaks of tuberculosis, as we are seeing on the Eastern Shore, are usually a "marker" for actual immune suppression, and that "infection with *M tuberculosis hominus* [the bacillus which causes TB in humans] should be included as a manifestation of lesser AIDS or AIDS-related complex (ARC)," according to the medical journal *Lancet*.

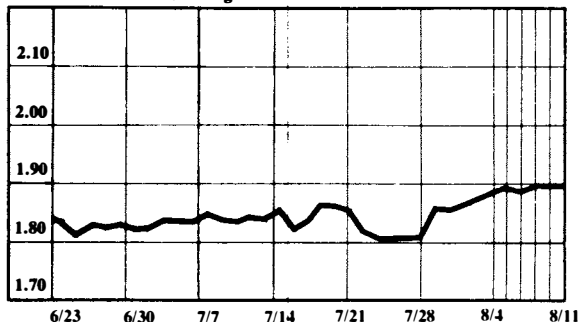
Additionally, public health officials in both Miami, Florida, and New York City have done block-by-block studies which demonstrate that there is a direct correspondence to the outbreak of tuberculosis and AIDS in the poorest, most overcrowded, and most unsanitary sections of their cities.

There is no question that the state of Virginia faces a major health crisis. But that crisis, as the statewide AIDS statistics show, is in no way limited to the migrant community.

## Currency Rates

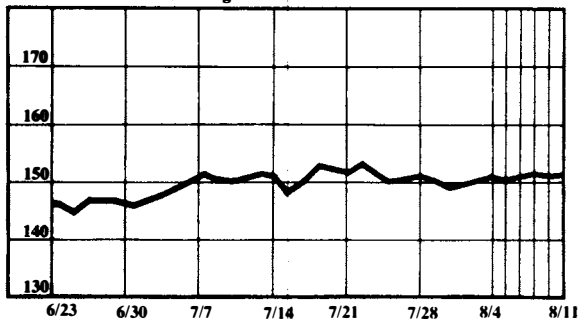
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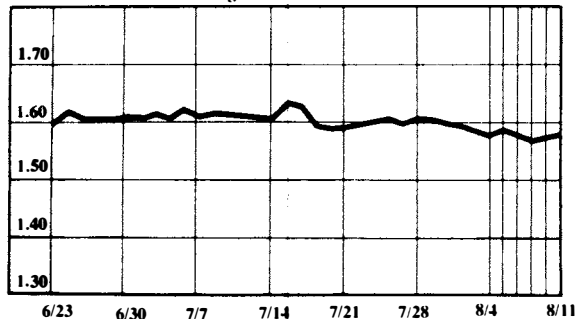
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