

### Diseases May be Caused by Human Anti-Body Cells

Chicago - (Science Service) - More and more evidence is piling up to support the theory that the body's infection-fighting mechanism itself may be able to cause diseases, an editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association asserts.

Normally, the antibody-producing cells serve as front-line defense against disease, but abnormal cells may be able to cause a chronic and sometimes fatal disorder known as Red Wolf disease, or systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

Quoting Dr. William Dameshek, professor of medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, the editorial said the evidence "seems convincing" and may mark "the beginning of a new era" in defining the causes of other diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, Addison's disease and chronic pancreatitis.

The symptoms of Red Wolf disease include fever, arthritis, joint pain and skin rash. Although it is more common among women than men, it is not a rare condition.

"We believe," Dr. Dameshek has said, "there is sufficient evidence at hand to call SLE a complex autoimmune disorder with irregular involvement of various constituents of the blood and small blood vessels, thus resulting in a highly protein (changeable) disorder."

"Involvement at the beginning may be limited to one tissue, one organ or one blood cell constituent, with progressively greater involvement as time goes on. Finally, there is a widespread generalized disease with death ordinarily due to severe renal (kidney) disease."

Dr. Dameshek said the reasons groups of abnormal antibody-producing cells develop are "obscure."

### Thornton Rules on Parole for Boys

Salem - (UPI) - It is up to the committing juvenile court to determine whether a boy committed to LacLaren School for Boys shall be granted a parole or have his parole revoked, Attorney Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Friday.

He also said that the superintendent of the school has no duty of actual supervision of boys on parole.

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