patients with thyroid carcinoma and thyrotoxicosis during the first six weeks after administration of therapeutic doses of $^{131}I$. They investigated also the effect of corticoids and thyrostatics. During $^{131}I$ therapy a lymphopenic reaction develops which depended on the administered amount of $^{131}I$ and on the initial value of lymphocytes. Changes of neutrophils were less marked. Patients with thyroid carcinoma developed initial neutrophilia. A mild drop of neutrophils was found six weeks after administration in patients with thyrotoxicosis. Prednisone did not influence the above changes, thyrostatics administered before radioactive iodine seemed to exert a certain positive effect.

—L.D.

**CONTRIBUTION TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ENDEMIC DEGENERATION**


The authors examined four groups of subjects from three areas of endemic degeneration and one control area. The examined subjects from the endemic areas included 12 cretins. The hematological examination revealed: In some cretins there was mild macrocytic normochromic anemia which was not associated with hyperplastic erythropoiesis in the bone marrow. In all other investigated parameters of the peripheral blood and bone marrow the findings in cretins did not differ from signs in subjects with endemic affection from the same area. The evaluation of findings of individual groups by statistical methods revealed a number of significant differences between endemic areas and the control area. Differences were found in the red cell volume, in the content of erythropoietic and lymphoreticular cells in bone marrow smears. In the bone marrow, attention was drawn to the proliferation of polyploid erythroblasts and the incidence of pycnosis of normoblastic nuclei.—L.D.

**NEWS AND VIEWS**

**THE LABELLING OF BLOOD TYPING SERA**

On Tuesday, April 15, 1969 there will be a meeting on “The Labelling of Blood Typing Sera” at the Institute of Forensic Medicine, Department of Forensic Medicine, New York University School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue, New York City. Interested workers may write for information to either Dr. A. S. Wiener, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, 520 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016 or to Dr. John B. Miale, Jackson Memorial Hospital, 1700 N.W. 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33152.

**PROCEEDINGS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CRYOPRECIPITATED FACTOR VIII**

An international conference on the preparation and use of cryoprecipitated factor VIII in hemophilia was held in Brussels (June 23rd, 1967) under the auspices of the Belgian Association for the study of Hemophilia. The proceedings of this conference including the discussion was published. Orders for copies of this booklet are to be forwarded to the Office of the Belgian Society of Haemophilia, Minderbroedersstraat 29, Leuven, Belgium (2 U.S. dollars, 110 pages). The benefits made are being donated to the World Federation of Haemophilia.