

REFUGEE BLOOD ACCOUNT OPENS

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Center Seek Donations
for Cuban Exiles

The Catholic Cuban Refugee Center here has organized a program to provide blood for displaced Cuban citizens, it was announced Wednesday.

Mrs. Elise Cerniglia, director of the organization, said a special account has been opened at the New Orleans Blood Bank, 2128 Tulane.

Blood donations, either by other Cubans or anyone interested, will be used to form a reserve to meet future needs as well as to replace blood already used, she said.

Of the almost 2000 Cuban refugees here, Mrs. Cerniglia said she anticipates at least 200 to 300 of them to donate blood to the program. She added that all new arrivals here from the center in Miami will be asked to donate blood.

She said lack of a blood reserve to meet emergencies is one of the greatest problems facing local refugees.

Many local refugees have no family or friends in New Orleans and are unable to find blood donors to meet health needs, according to Mrs. Cerniglia.