

**RADIATION RULED NO PERIL
TO AMERICANS IN MOSCOW**

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MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (UPI)—Blood tests carried out over eight months on American diplomats and their families living in Moscow have shown that one-third of those tested have abnormal blood counts, United States officials said today.

An administrative notice circulated among embassy personnel said that physicians had not yet been able to determine the cause of the abnormalities, but they ruled out microwave radiation beamed at the United States Embassy building.

An "in-depth review" of the cases failed to turn up any adverse consequences from the condition, the notice said.

The abnormalities involve a higher-than-average count of lymphocytes, a type of white corpuscle present in every person's blood to a certain degree. The lymphocyte count often goes up briefly when the body puts up resistance to infection.

The notice said that physicians had observed the higher count in some indi-

viduals over "recent months," which they considered too long a period. "At present it can only be said that there may be a factor in the Moscow environment which produces a benign temporary increase in the circulating blood lymphocytes in some people," the notice said. "There is no connection with microwave radiation directed at the American Embassy."