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The American Red Cross, America's I-A Agency of Democracy and Mercy, will not accept the blood of Negroes for storage in their vast chain of blood banks throughout America, despite the fact that its use may save the life of thousands of men, women and children.

This, hypocritical bit of perfidy was not intended for general consumption, however. It was exposed by the alert, liberal New York picture daily "P. M." in an article carried in its Tuesday's edition.

According to the article, "P. M." investigators were able to secure a copy of the "confidential" order sent out to blood bank branches in American cities by G. Sandy Robinson, National Director of the Red Cross BLOOD DONOR SERVICE.

The order said in part;—"Negro blood must not be accepted for blood banks" Robinson explained that the request came from Army and Navy Medical Corps Headquarters.

Col Earle Booth, head of the New
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York Blood Donor Service, "deplored" the ban, but stated that 95 per cent of the soldiers for whom the Red Cross is storing the blood won't have a transfusion if they know the blood of Negroes "is mixed up in it".

Booth admitted that he was aware that scientifically there is no difference between so-called "white" and "Negro" blood plasma.

The blood collected throughout the nation is sent to Army and Navy Centers for processing at Philadelphia, Pearl River and Indianapolis, Ind.

In the light of the "P. M." expose, it is not unlikely that any blood hitherto accepted from Negro donors, has later been destroyed, or labelled "Negro" for use exclusively among members of that race.