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One million children to be born with Aids

LAGOS, Sunday

An estimated one million African children will have been born' to HIV infected mothers by 1992, a community health physician, Prof. Muriel Oyediran,has said in Lagos delivering a paper at a symposium marking World Aids Day yesterday, Prof Oyediran said that these children will be born to

an estimated 1.5 million Aids infested

mothers.

She said that about 25 per cent

of the children were likely to, be

HIV infected and most of them

would die of the disease. She said

that the remaining 750,000 children

would have lost one or both

parents .

Prof Oyediran attributed the

growth in Aids among children to

the loose form of polygamy now

being practiced in Africa.

On control measures, she called

for education that would

demystify sex and bring it open

for discussion.

She also said that the most important

preventive measures

against Aids was to remain sexually

faithful to a single partner.

Supplies arrive

Monrovia: Four naval ships are berthed .at Monrovia's Free port delivering supplies for the Ecowas peace-keeping force (Ecomog) in Liberia, the News Agency of Nigeria reported. The agency reported that the ships included *NNS Ambe* which has been assisting Ecomog in evacuating refugees out of the country bringing in troops and conducting medical evacuation since the peacekeeping operation began in August.