

### AMA Urges New Drunk Guilt Level

WASHINGTON (AP)—High officials of the American Medical Association have urged a drastic tightening of chemistry standards by which many states seek to establish guilt of drunkenness of drunken driving.

One of the AMA's experts on alcoholism said that if the recommendation is written into state laws, a person could be declared legally drunk by chemical tests alone—ruling out any counter-argument by a defense lawyer.

The recommendation came from the AMA's Board of Trustees. The policy-making House of Delegates was to consider it later.

The trustees' recommendation, based on studies by two AMA committees, is that states using chemical tests of blood or breath for alcohol content make these changes in their statutes:

1. Lower by one-third the level of alcohol concentration on which a person can be legally presumed to be under the influence of intoxicants. Specifically, the change would be from 0.15 per cent to 0.10 per cent. The AMA itself first recommended the 0.15 per cent level more than 20 years ago.
2. Change the wording of statutes so that the word "intoxication" would be substituted for the present "under the influence."

Dr. Marvin A. Block of Buffalo, N. Y., chairman of the AMA's committee on alcoholism, was asked by a reporter to explain the significance of the proposal.

"This means that not only would we have a stricter criterion, but we'd also have real teeth in the drunkenness statutes for the first time," he replied.

"The present phrasing—'under the influence'—is a very vague term which depends on someone's judgment."

"Under the new recommendation, the chemical level of alcohol in the blood or the breath would be enough to convict a man of intoxication. The court wouldn't need any more evidence."

Contending that the 0.10 per cent level is a fair one, Dr. Block said: "People who carry that percentage of alcohol in their blood have their faculties affected. Their reflexes are slowed, their judgment impaired, their inhibitions lowered."

"And this is true even though some people—due to differences in tolerance to alcohol—would appear not to be drunk under such circumstances."

### Californians Deny Charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Three Californians Tuesday denied charges stemming from the theft of \$58,000 worth of money orders from the postal substation at Four Corners near Salem, Ore.

Sam Phillips, 38; Harold G. Martin, 31; and Clarence E. Greenlee, 20, pleaded innocent to charges of conspiring to counterfeit postal money orders. They also pleaded innocent to a charge of possessing a money order stamp.

The money order blanks were taken Nov. 6. The men were arrested Nov. 11 in San Pablo motels.

Their trial is scheduled for U. S. District Court Dec. 6.



PACK 2 DEN MOTHERS received basic training certificates from Cubmaster Stan Sevruk during a pack meeting recently. They are, from left, Mrs. Francis Bennett, Mrs. Frank Wryn, Mrs. Elger McLane, Mrs. Norman Doty and Mrs. Allan Merritt. Mrs. James Powell is not pictured.

### SCOUT NEWS

PACK 2 Cubmaster Stan Sevruk conducted induction ceremonies in which 14 boys became Cub Scouts during a regular meeting of Pack 2 sponsored by Altamont Elementary School, at the school recently.

Boys who received the basic bobcat rank were Mike Atkinson, Douglas May, Denny Hart, Dale Smith, Roger Townsend, Dean Springer, Lance Rowland, Richard McDaniel, Ray Karrer, James Hill, Kenneth McLane, B. I. Hantzman, Paul Waller and Mike Hogan.

Awards and rankings went to the following:  
 Marvin Morrey, Geoffrey Cuter, Frank Wryn and David Doty, wolf badge; Jeffrey Gallup and Boyd Powell, bear badge; Timothy Hart, Steve Zimmerman, Bobby Ernst, Joey Dodson, David Doty, Boyd Powell, Larry Coatney, Gary Coatney and Allan Merritt, one-year pins; and Steven Zimmerman, Bobby Ernst, Frank Wryn, Boyd Powell and Timothy Hart, 50th anniversary awards.

Sevruk introduced den mothers. They are Mrs. William Hantzman and Mrs. Elger McLane, Den 1; Mrs. Frank Wryn and Mrs. Allan Merritt, Den 3; Mrs. Norman Doty, Den 4; Mrs. James Bennett and Mrs. Leonard Springer, Den 6.

Cubs and den mothers presented a program called "New

Worlds." Each den displayed pictures and information concerning the planet of choice.

The pack was unanimous in extending thanks to Raymond LeMarche, Suburban Fire Department assistant chief, and to Fred Barmore, Kingsley Field Fire Department, for presenting an excellent program during the October pack meeting.

They also thanked Robert Abbey, scoutmaster of Troop 100, for presenting Clifford Bennett as Den 6 chief, Cornell Tutor as Den 3 chief, Gene Badker as Den 4 chief, and Perry Coleman as chief of Den 5.

Mrs. Frank Wryn, Den 3, and Allan Merritt, Frank Wryn, Richard Loeblin, Lance Rowland, Richard McDaniel and Roy Karrer presented opening and closing ceremonies.

### NOBODY THERE

WACO, Tex. (UPI)—Patrolmen Russell Martin and Ken Berry investigated, and part of the police blotter today reads like this:

"10:20a. A man... called to report Fidel Castro has a battleship with Communist troops pulling up into his front yard."

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