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REPORT ON OPERATIONS

October 1, 1953 to September 30, 1954

The Washington State Liquor Control Board submits its Twenty-first Annual Report of operations during the twelve-month period ended September 30, 1954. This report is made in accordance with the requirements of RCW 43.66.170 (Section 72 of the Washington State Liquor Act).

BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Evro M. Becket and members B. H. Callison and Robert L. Smith continued to constitute the Board.

ADMINISTRATION OF ACT

COMMITTEE ON THE USE AND EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

At the request of Governor Arthur B. Langlie and under the authority of the Liquor Act the Board appointed a 14-member committee to study the use and effects of alcohol. This committee was charged with the responsibility of gathering authentic information concerning all phases of alcohol consumption, with initial emphasis to be placed upon the alcoholic and alcoholism in this state.

The past decade has brought a much clearer picture of the illness of alcoholism nationally, and 41 states have either made studies of the problem or created actual programs to combat alcoholism. The Committee on the Use and Effects of Alcohol has thoroughly surveyed the programs of other states, and has sought the opinions of law enforcement people, jurists, clergy, educators, labor unions, Alcoholics Anonymous, and other groups within the state and has obtained exceptional results. The committee has explored the possibilities of combatting alcoholism in three fields—education, research and rehabilitation. Much information has been gained for the consideration of the Governor and the Legislature.

The present committee is composed of individuals who have an interest in, and a knowledge of, the effects of the excessive use of alcohol, and they represent a cross section of the population. The areas represented on the committee are—industry, education, legal, judicial, clergy, medical, social work, county government, municipal government, state government and Alcoholics Anonymous; and ex officio members include the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney General. A supervisor of research has been employed to direct fact-finding work of the committee.

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

Under the provisions of the law a local option election was held in the Town of Albion, Whitman County, for the purpose of determining whether the prohibition against the sale of liquor in that community should be continued or whether such sale should be legalized. This election was held in March of 1954, and the voters elected to authorize the sale of liquor. However, this authorization does not carry the privilege of sale under class H licenses, as the law provides for a separate election on this issue, and further recites that only one of these issues may be presented at the same election.

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