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hearing and satisfactorily explains his conduct and answers the pertinent questions, the Board of Governors will determine from the facts themselves whether the complaint or charge should be dismissed or whether the lawyer should be disciplined or disbarred.

The Board has reached the conclusion that if a lawyer invokes the Fifth Amendment and refuses to testify or produce evidence in a disciplinary proceeding before the Bar Association that the Board will recommend to the Supreme Court that the lawyer be suspended or disbarred.

We believe that the decision made by the Board of Governors on this matter is sound and practical and that it will protect the rights of innocent parties, and at the same time, enable the State Bar Association to fulfill its obligations to the public.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Col. C. A. Orndorff

Col. Orndorff supplemented the report of the Legislative Committee published in the Washington State Bar News, Vol. IX, p. 30, by emphasizing the need for legislation easing the work load on the Supreme Court and correcting inequities in the distribution of work among the judges of the Superior Courts of the state. Col. Orndorff also pointed out that legislation modernizing the justice courts of the state consistent with the State Constitution is of primary importance.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helen Graham Greear of Bremerton

Mrs. Greear supplemented the report of the American Citizenship Committee published in the Washington State Bar News, Vol. IX, p. 33, with a recommendation that an annual conference of presidents of local bar associations be convened by the Board of Governors to acquaint the presidents with the objectives of the State Bar Association committees.