

**THE ROLE OF SCOUTING MOVEMENT IN ALCOHOL PROPHYLAXIS:
SOME OPINIONS OF SCOUTING INSTRUCTORS**

SUMMARY

The study concerned the opinions expressed by scouting cadre on the role of scouting in the antialcohol movement. Forty interviews were conducted with various instructors, which revealed the following two concepts:

■ scouting should be an elite organization, characterized by high demands directed at the youth and instructors, teetotal requirement included, or

■ scouting should be a mass organization, encompassing as large as possible number of members (boys and girls) with a tolerant attitude regarding alcohol consumption among the cadre.

The first approach is most prevalent among instructors who observe the pre-war Scouting Law and Oath. Absolute teetotalism is regarded as one of the prerequisites of the renewed tradition of the pre-war Scouting Movement. It characterizes the newly formed: Związek Harcerstwa Rzeczypospolitej.

The second approach finds its practical application in the post-war Scouting. The mass organization of this type leads to a weakening of educational effects, caused, among other things, by quantitative and qualitative shortages in the cadre.