
Electric Devices To Be Destroyed

A U.S. District Court judge in Washington, D.C., has ordered the destruction of a collection of electric devices seized by the federal government from the Founding Church of Scientology.

A jury ruled earlier that more than 100 "Hubbard E Meters" were misbranded because of labeling claims that they were effective for diagnosis, prevention, detection and elimination of the causes of all mental and nervous disorders (*The AMA News*, May 15, 1967).

Federal attorneys said the only demonstrated effect of the machines was to measure skin resistance to electric currents, and that therapeutic claims were false and misleading.

Judge John J. Sirica ordered the devices condemned and destroyed because the jury had ruled them misbranded.

The Food and Drug Administration described "Scientology" (formerly known as Dianetics) as a group formed by L. Ron Hubbard, a former science writer. It has branches in the U.S., England and Australia.