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a crime for one nineteen, eighteen or seventeen to possess alcohol, why make it a basis for finding a child delinquent who is younger than that? Or don't you care, Senator Fowler, about those who are younger? Don't you care, Senator Newell?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Two minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let all of them drink. Senator Dworak and Senator Hoagland had an amendment which would gradually introduce the young people to the drinking habits of this country, gradually introduce them to the drinking habits of this country when you look around and see what those drinking habits have done and by the way, Senator Fowler, I didn't say that I am for a totalitarian form of government and you did limit my remarks to Cuba as a country doing some things that I greatly approve of because under the Batista regime I could not have gone to certain beaches and lived in certain hotels but I could do that now, although in certain parts of America I still cannot. Now if I say these things that I am saying before you in the presence of young black people who want to drink, I would be unpopular but I am prepared to abide the consequences of decisions that I make based on my principles. If liquor were a necessity I would take a different point of view.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But all it is is an evil. Terry Carpenter was one of the most honest people about it to ever be in this Legislature and he made tons from selling liquor. He said liquor is for selling, not for drinking, so he would sell it but he wouldn't drink it and that ought to tell us something.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell for a question to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Chambers, I would like to ask you a question. Would you accept a friendly amendment to make, along with that, to make the parents of those ten year olds responsible? Make it a crime for, you know...we can legalize drinking but then at the same time make the parents of those ten year olds responsible for the conduct of their children?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Newell, just like now you don't make the parents responsible for their children using dope because they don't always get it from the