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SOLUTIONS. 16mm, color, sound, 12½ min. What is a solution? A mixture of lead oxide and water leaves a residue as it passes through a filter, but a solution of copper sulfate passes through unchanged. What does this test indicate about the size of particles in the copper sulphate solution? Why does a light beam scatter as it passes through some mixtures and not others? As a sugar lump dissolves in water, how can its decrease in volume be explained? Many experiments are performed to help explain the special kind of mixture called a solution. Audience: high school. Purchase \$150 or rental \$9 from Bailey-Film Associates, 11559 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025.

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to the editor

Turn off the snow

As a meteorologist who has followed with intense interest the progress of the last 20 years in weather modification, I am intrigued by Dr. Kahan's hope to increase snowpack accumulations by 50 percent (SN: 4/11, p. 365), followed by the statement, "Once the level has been reached, seeding there will be cut off to avoid any danger of causing a flood threat." How is nature to be removed from the snow process, after seeding has been stopped, if nature decides to continue snowing? At what point, or points, in the season will a 50 percent above normal level be acceptable? It seems to me that these questions require answers even if we gain knowledge that the desired increases can be achieved.

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(Seeding would be terminated when snowpack accumulation reaches 150 percent of the long-term average for the particular time [March, April or May]. The records show that below this point there is virtually zero danger of flooding. Dr. Kahan doubts that seeding induced-increases beyond 15 percent in snow cover are feasible. Ed.)

Addiction on dependence

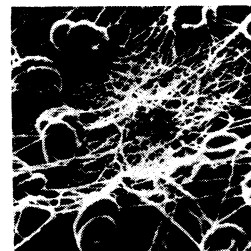
It is interesting to note that after all the propaganda by Leary et al. that marijuana is "non-addictive," the Hughes bill is reported (SN: 4/4, p. 339) to provide "that a person arrested for a drug misdemeanor, such as first-offense possession of marijuana, would not be prosecuted if he were found to be drug-dependent."

Perhaps it would be of help to the "pot generation" to point out that when

its liberal mentors say marijuana is "non-addictive" they use the word in a narrow sense and that their euphemism "psychologically habitforming" is the same thing from a practical standpoint—"drug dependence."

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(Psychological dependence is defined as the continued use of any drug for non-medical reasons. The proposed bill thus would seem to make it quite easy for an accused marijuana-smoker to demonstrate a psychological dependence. Perhaps this wording was a deliberate effort on the part of the framers of the legislation to prevent mass prosecutions. Ed.)



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Dr. Rodman's scanning electron microphotograph is of a mass of fibrin fibrils and red blood cells from normal native human blood exposed to a poly [vinyl chloride] surface for 10 minutes.)

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