

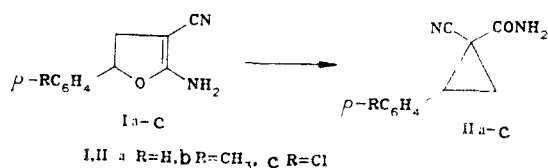
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THERMAL REARRANGEMENT OF 2-AMINO-5-ARYL-4,5-DIHYDRO-3-CYANOFURANS

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We found that on boiling in high-boiling solvents, 2-amino-5-aryl-4,5-dihydro-2-aminofurans rearrange with the formation of amides of cyanocyclopropanecarboxylic acids.



The structure of cyclopropanes IIa-c was established from x-ray diffraction analysis data, IR, and mass spectra.

**2-Phenyl-1-cyanocyclopropanecarboxamide (IIa).** mp 171-172°C. Yield 67%. IR spectrum: 3460-3160, 1610 (NH<sub>2</sub>); 2250 (CN), 1685 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). Unit-cell parameters:  $a = 9.286$ ,  $b = 10.118$ ,  $c = 10.081$  Å,  $\beta = 91.61^\circ$ , sp. gr. P2<sub>1</sub>/n, n = 1758, R = 0.046.

**2-p-Tolyl-1-cyanocyclopropanecarboxamide (IIb).** mp 161-163°C. Yield 59%. IR spectrum (suspension in mineral oil): 3415-3190, 1610 (NH<sub>2</sub>); 2250 (CN), 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O).

**2-p-Chlorophenyl-1-cyanocyclopropanecarboxamide (IIc).** mp 169-171°C. Yield 51%. IR spectrum: 3100-3430, 1600 (NH<sub>2</sub>); 2260 (CN), 1685 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O).

