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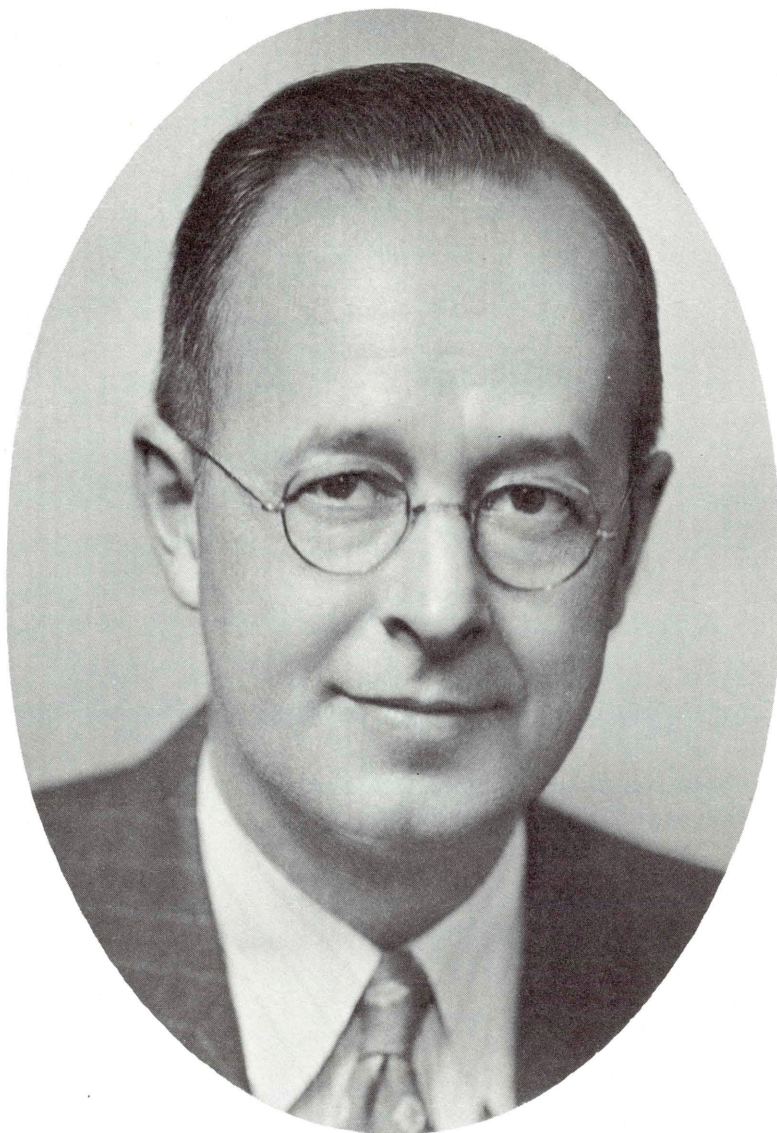


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Philip E. Adams

Philip Edwin Adams

1949-1950

Doctor Adams, of Boston, became the eighty-sixth president of the Association at the 1949 meeting in San Francisco. The House of Delegates, which consisted of 385 members in 1949, considered proposals to reduce its size, but voted against reduction.

Doctor Adams, an orthodontist, was secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society from 1929 to 1949. After serving in the Navy in World War I, in 1919 he began private practice and joined the staff of Tufts College Dental School, where he later became head of the orthodontics department. Doctor Adams served the American Dental Association for many years as a delegate and trustee. He was born in Maine in 1896 and died in 1973.

Eleven leaders of the United States Communist party were convicted in October 1949 of advocating the violent overthrow of the United States government. The Communist People's Republic of China was formally proclaimed. President Truman authorized the Atomic Energy Commission to produce the hydrogen bomb. On orders of President Truman, the Army seized all railroads to prevent a general strike. The Republic of Korea was invaded by North Korean troops on June 25, 1950. President Truman designated General Douglas MacArthur commander of the United Nations forces resisting the invasion.