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PLANS NEAR COMPLETION FOR SAN FRANCISCO MEETING -- 8,000 TO 10,000 DENTISTS EXPECTED AT 90TH SESSION

Between 8,000 and 10,000 dentists and members of their families are expected to attend the 90th annual session of the A.D.A. to be held in San Francisco, Oct. 17 to 20. The many thousands who have made plans to combine vacations with their convention trip will make the San Francisco meeting the largest west coast session in the history of the Association. Final plans for scientific and business sessions of the meeting are rapidly nearing completion. All scientific sessions, directed by the Council on Scientific Session headed by Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, will be held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. Featured in the scientific side of the session will be meetings of eleven scientific sections, a two-day clinic program including nearly 200 separate table clinics, a continuous motion picture program and a large number of scientific exhibits. The scientific sections will meet simultaneously on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 18, 19 and 20, in eight meeting halls. Several of the sections will conduct joint sessions on related subjects. The sections include those on full denture prosthesis, partial denture prosthesis, oral surgery and anesthesia, roentgenology, pedodontia, hospital dental service, operative dentistry, periodontia, orthodontics, research and practice management. Also at the Civic Auditorium will be the largest group of commercial exhibits in the history of the Association. More than 25,000 feet of floor space has been booked by commercial exhibitors. Meetings of the House of Delegates and the general session of the convention will be held at the Fairmont Hotel. It is expected that the House of Delegates will hold four separate sessions. Meetings of the Board of Trustees will begin Tuesday, Oct. 11, and continue through Oct. 21. Nearly a score of allied organizations have scheduled plans for meetings immediately prior to or simultaneously with the A.D.A. session.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT IS ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHT

A number of special events is being arranged by the entertainment committee for the San Francisco session.

International Night, honoring Dr. Clyde E. Minges, A.D.A.

president, will be the outstanding event of the entertainment program. This affair will be held at the Palace Hotel on Wednesday night, Oct. 16, and will feature a deluxe dinner and an elaborate floor show with Hollywood stars. Other activities on the entertainment schedule include: a cocktail party reception; a ladies' luncheon and fashion show; a boat cruise around San Francisco bay; special tours of San Francisco's leading department stores; Chinatown tours; sight-seeing bus rides; a three-hour Navy inspection trip, including a visit to a battleship, submarine, cruiser and the famous Hunter's Point Navy Yard. Costs of these events are nominal and will be arranged for the most part by reservation. For International Night, tickets will be \$10 per person, including the tax and tip. Sight-seeing bus tours will cost \$3.18 per person; Chinatown tours, \$2.30 per person; the boat cruise, \$2.88 per person; and the Navy inspection trip, \$1.75 per person. The cost of the ladies' luncheon and fashion show is \$3.75 per person; and the shopping tours, 50 cents per person. Reservations and checks for all events, except those especially for the ladies, should be sent to Dr. Leon Moser, entertainment chairman, 450 Sutter St., San Francisco 8, California. Reservations for the two ladies' events -- the luncheon and shopping tours -- should be made with Mrs. R. L. Blake, women's chairman, 3700 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco 16, California. Reservations will be limited for International Night, the ladies' luncheon and the shopping tours.

BOOK SPECIAL TRAINS FOR SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

For the first time since before World War II, special trains will carry dentists and their families to the annual A.D.A. session this year. Five states -- Illinois, New

Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas -- are sponsoring special trains to the San Francisco meeting. Trips in these special trains will include stops at points of interest both before and after the four-day A.D.A. session. The Illinois train will leave from Chicago Oct. 12, arriving in San Francisco Oct. 15, and returning to Chicago Oct. 26. Enroute, stops will be made at Colorado Springs, Royal Gorge, Salt Lake City and Elko, Nev. The homeward trip will include stops at Monterey, Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon. Reservations and information about the itinerary may be obtained from Mr. W. M. Moloney, Burlington Route, 105 W. Adams Street, Room 711, Chicago 3, Ill. The New Jersey train also combines the best features of a vacation and convention trip. It will leave Newark the afternoon of Oct. 7, arriving in San Francisco Oct. 15 and returning to Newark Oct. 28. Enroute, stops will be made at St. Louis, Kansas City, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and Yosemite National Park. Homeward bound the train will stop at Los Angeles and New Orleans. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Frank J. Houghton, 50 Glenwood Avenue, Jersey City 6, N. J. The Ohio train will leave from Chicago Oct. 6, arriving in San Francisco Oct. 13 and returning to Chicago Oct. 24. Stops will be made at the Grand Canyon, Riverside, Los Angeles, Yosemite National Park, Oakland, Salt Lake City and Colorado Springs. Further information about reservations may be obtained from C. W. Carrick, chairman, transportation committee, Ohio State Dental Association, Oberlin, Ohio. The Oklahoma train will leave from Oklahoma City Oct. 10, returning Oct. 24. The tour will include stops at the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, Feather River Canyon, Salt Lake City and Royal Gorge. Reservations may be made by writing to Rainbow Travel Service, 225 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla. The Texas train will leave Dallas Oct. 13, arriving San Francisco Oct. 16 and returning Oct. 24. Stops along the way will include the Colorado Rockies, Royal Gorge, Salt Lake City, Feather River Canyon, Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon. Further information and reservations for the Texas train may be made by writing to Mr. Herbert C. Wallace, District Passenger Agent, Burlington Lines, 112 South Field Street, Dallas.

DISSOLVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL HEALTH ASSEMBLY

In a communication to members of the Executive Committee of last year's National Health Assembly, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing announced that the Committee should consider itself dissolved. Ewing, who was chairman, said that a steering committee named by the full committee had completed the organization's work by having the proceedings of the Assembly published and by designating the National Health Council to continue, on a permanent basis, the promotion of planning conferences between representatives of the health professions and lay organizations. Members of the Executive Committee included Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, several officials of the A.M.A., and representatives of numerous other groups.

NBC RADIO NETWORK WILL FEATURE DENTAL PROGRAM ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 20

A dramatization of school dental programs will be broadcast over the NBC network from 2 to 2:15 p. m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) Saturday, Aug. 20, on the series "Your Health Today," sponsored by the American Medical Association. In cooperation with the A.D.A. a special script is being written for the program by Mr. William Murphy of Chicago. It is expected that the program will be carried over 91 radio stations from coast to coast.

ERRATA

The July issue of the A.D.A. NEWS LETTER incorrectly stated that Dr. Maynard Hine, dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, has been named a new member of the National Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Hine was elected as a new member of the executive committee of the American Association of Dental Schools...The July 15 issue incorrectly listed the July 1 total number of student members of the A.D.A. at 6,175. The correct figure was 7,175.

THREE SENATORS FILE RESOLUTION TO BLOCK CREATION OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE

A resolution (S.R. 147) to prevent creation of a new Federal Department of Welfare as proposed in President Truman's Reorganization Plan No. 1 was filed in the U. S. Senate last Friday (July 29) by Senators Hunt (D., Wyo.), Fulbright (D., Ark.) and Taft (R., Ohio). The plan has been officially opposed by the A.D.A. Passage of the resolution by the Senate would kill the reorganization plan for this session of Congress. Under the Reorganization Act, unfavorable action by either house of Congress is sufficient to prevent the plan from becoming effective. Such action, however, must be taken by Aug. 20. The plan automatically becomes effective on that date if either the Senate or the House of Representatives has not expressed its specific disapproval.

A.D.A. WITNESS LISTS OBJECTIONS TO PLAN

A formal request that Congress disapprove Reorganization Plan No. 1 was made a week earlier when Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N. Y., a member of the A.D.A.

Council on Legislation and president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, appeared before the Senate Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments. Dr. Gale said that the A.D.A. is opposed to the creation of a Federal Department of Welfare because it would continue to subordinate health activities to lay control. The plan, Dr. Gale asserted, ignores the recommendations of the Hoover Commission that Federal health activities be combined in a United Medical Administration. He said: "The American Dental Association has consistently opposed the subordination of health activities to lay control since it firmly believes that only a person trained in health services can properly evaluate health needs. Reorganization Plan No. 1 violates this fundamental principle of good health administration in that it perpetuates the procedure of subordinating the Public Health Service to the lay control of the proposed Secretary of Welfare."

CITES LINK TO HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Dr. Gale said that the reorganization plan was closely tied in with the administration's efforts to establish a national system of compulsory health insurance in the

United States, a measure vigorously opposed by the A.D.A. "No member of the health professions can examine this plan without at least some skepticism as to the real purpose. Apparently it promotes the existing Federal Security Agency to the prestige of Cabinet status, but it also continues in effect, with enhanced prestige, the only existing agency of the Federal government which can provide the machinery to operate the administration's compulsory health insurance scheme now pending before the Congress." Dr. Gale pointed out that the dental association since 1938 had advocated the establishment of a Federal Department of Health to be headed by an administrator trained in one of the health professions with a Bureau of Dental Health under the direction of a dentist. He questioned claims that Plan No. 1 would promote efficiency and economy in the federal government. "While it is true that a degree of efficiency can be obtained by combining a number of agencies under a single head, there must be some direct and logical connection between the agencies so assembled. We cannot see that it is logical to combine the health services of the government with other functions of the existing Federal Security Agency. It lacks the clear, direct relationship which is desirable when a number of agencies are tied together under a common head." Representatives of the A.M.A. also testified against the plan which will become effective Aug. 20 unless it is specifically disapproved by either the Senate or the House of Representatives or Congress adjourns before that date.

SPECIAL DRAFT OF DENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS HELD UNLIKELY

A draft of physicians and dentists now seems unlikely, according to the Washington Report On the Medical Sciences. In a recent interview, Dr. Raymond B. Allen, the new director of medical services in the National Military Establishment, said he was instituting measures which may raise recruitment to the level that would make draft legislation unnecessary. These measures include: (1) abolishing red tape and training duty inequities in the reserves; (2) cutting the tour of sea duty to six months; and (3) improving the flow of medical and dental literature to isolated duty stations.

SENATOR HOEY INTRODUCES BILLS PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES FOR V. A. DENTISTS

At the request of Dr. Clyde E. Minges, of Rocky Mount, N. C., A.D.A. president, Senator Clyde Hoey (D., N. C.) has introduced in the U. S. Senate two bills designed to improve the status of dentists employed by the Veterans Administration. One bill, S. 2248, would authorize the appointment of dentists to the rate of "chief grade" in the V. A. department of medicine and surgery, and the other, S. 2249, would permit dentists who are certified by a recognized specialty board to be eligible for bonus pay. At present, only physicians are eligible under these provisions. Companion bills were introduced in the House of Representatives last March by Rep. John Rankin (D., Miss.). To date, no hearings have been scheduled for either the House or Senate bills.

A.D.A. TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH CONFERENCE

The A.D.A. will be one of six major health associations which will participate in a conference to be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, to consider development of a national health program which would demonstrate that government domination of the health services of the nation is neither desirable nor necessary. The conference was suggested by the A.M.A. House of Delegates last June. In addition to the A.M.A. and A.D.A., organizations scheduled to participate in the conference are the American Public Health Association, American Hospital Association, American Public Welfare Association and American Nurses Association. Each of the six organizations will have three official representatives at the conference plus a staff observer. In addition, it is planned to invite advisors who would represent religious, labor, veteran, business, farm, consumer, educational and other groups. Appointment of the A.D.A. representatives will be announced in the Aug. 15 A.D.A. NEWS LETTER.

DENTISTS IN 138 CITIES REGISTER FOR TELEPHONE EXTENSION COURSE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dental groups in 138 cities scattered throughout 38 of the 48 states have been registered for the nation-wide telephone extension course to be presented during fall and winter months by the College of Dentistry of the University of Illinois. Group registration has now been closed but individual enrollments in each of the 138 cities will be open for dentists until shortly before the first lecture session will be held in October. To date, more than 5,000 dentists have enrolled. Dr. Saul Levy, chairman of the extension program, said that it is expected that the total will reach 8,000 to 10,000 by October. Thirty-three teachers, research scientists and dental practitioners, representing 14 universities, will compose the faculty for the course which will consist of two-hour lecture periods to be presented monthly.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D., Wyo.), a member of the A.D.A., recently was instrumental in saving the \$100 a month bonus pay now being given dental and medical officers in the Armed Forces. The Senate Armed Services Committee had virtually agreed upon an amendment to the new armed services pay bill that would have terminated this bonus when Sen. Hunt interceded. When he pointed out that this action would reduce morale and encourage resignation, the provision was eliminated...Brig. Gen. George R. Kennebeck, who was named chief of the dental service of the U. S. Air Force on July 1, has been nominated by President Truman for promotion to the rank of major general...Under the recently approved appropriations bill for the Federal Security Agency, a total of \$1,780,000 has been allocated to the U. S. Public Health Service for dental health activities. This represents an increase of more than \$150,000 over the previous year's appropriation and is approximately four times larger than the appropriation for dental activities two years ago...Dr. Wendell L. Wylie, of the University of California College of Dentistry, San Francisco, recently accepted the post of director of postgraduate dental education at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He succeeds Dr. John Brauer, now dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry.