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HOUSE OF DELEGATES EXPECTED TO REITERATE OPPOSITION TO COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE AT SAN FRANCISCO SESSION

A number of major issues, including the continuing efforts of government officials to secure enactment of a national system of compulsory health insurance and problems involved in military dental services, will be considered by the A.D.A. House of Delegates when it is convened for its 90th annual session at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Monday, Oct. 17. The House, meeting for the first time since the national election of last fall, is expected to reiterate its all-out opposition to compulsory health insurance as a method of providing dental health services to the American people. At previous sessions, the House of Delegates had condemned compulsory health insurance proposals as impractical and unworkable. In addition to issuing a new pronouncement on compulsory health insurance, the House is also expected to consider ways and means of implementing the Association's program for extending dental health services to greater numbers of persons, particularly children. In regard to the dental corps of the armed forces, delegates are expected to consider dental aspects of the reorganization of the medical services now being planned in the Department of Defense. The House will also review legislation, now pending in Congress, designed to provide sound administrative operation of the Army

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to get a room reservation for the 90th annual session of the A.D.A. in San Francisco, Oct. 17 to 20. If you haven't already sent in your request for a hotel reservation, you'll find a convenient application blank on page A-25 in your copy of the September issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association. Send it in today and enjoy the benefits of a top-flight scientific meeting in one of the most colorful settings in the nation - cosmopolitan San Francisco!

and Air Force Dental Corps. This legislation has been approved by the U. S. Senate and is awaiting action in the House of Representatives. Among other issues scheduled for consideration will be proposals, pending from last year's session, to reduce the number of delegates in the House, recommendations of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations for solution of problems relating to dental laboratories and laboratory technicians, and the report of the special committee named by the House last year to survey affairs of the Association. Full text of the report of the special committee, headed by Dr. Frederick J. Wolfe, Sr., of New Orleans, is published in the 1949 Reports of Councils and Officers scheduled to be mailed tomorrow to all delegates and alternate delegates at the San Francisco meeting. Also scheduled for approval by the House next month will be the Association's budget for the calendar year 1950. For the first time in history, a speaker, Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, will preside over sessions of the House. Dr. Clyde E. Minges, A.D.A. president, will preside at sessions of the Board of Trustees, scheduled to begin in San Francisco a week prior to the opening of the annual session.

385 DELEGATES WILL SERVE AS MEMBERS OF 1949 HOUSE

The 1949 House of Delegates will have a total membership of 385, a reduction of five from last year's all time record of 390 members. For several years, various

proposals have been advanced to reduce the size of the House by revising the formula under which delegates are allocated to the constituent societies. The present formula provides that each constituent society shall have one delegate for 25 to 99 members, one delegate for the next 200 members or fraction thereof, and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members. At the Chicago meeting in 1948, a special committee recommended that the size of the House of Delegates be cut approximately 40 per cent. The committee recommended that each constituent society be allocated a second delegate when its total membership is over 200 instead of the 100 mark as now required. A third delegate would be allowed under the committee's plan when the society membership exceeded 400 instead of 300. Thereafter, one additional delegate would be allowed for each additional 400 members, twice the present requirement. Action on this proposal was postponed until this year. Since then, however, a new plan has been proposed by the Oregon State Dental Association whereby the reduction would be approximately 25 per cent. This plan would retain the present formula up to 700 members for each constituent society. For membership over the 700 mark, one additional delegate would be allowed for each 400 members instead of each 200 members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES SET FOR OCT. 20

Election of new officers and trustees will be held Thursday morning, Oct. 20. As last year, delegates will use voting machines to record their ballots. A

new president-elect will be named to succeed Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, who will become president of the Association at the close of the meeting. Elections will also be held for the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates, the vice presidents, and for trustees in the 1st, 6th, 7th and 10th districts whose three-year terms expire this year. The present trustees for these districts, respectively, are: Dr. Henry Hicks, Greenwich, Conn.; Dr. Robert P. Thomas, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. B. Carr, Indianapolis; and Dr. C. S. Foster, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Terms of approximately one-fifth of the members of A.D.A. councils and advisory committees expire this year and will be filled by elections in the House of Delegates. The House will also fill a number of vacancies on councils and advisory committees caused by death or resignation during the past year. Appointment of council and committee chairmen for the new year will be made by the Board of Trustees.

TWO CITIES FILE BIDS FOR 1952 ANNUAL A.D.A. SESSION

Two cities, St. Louis and Cleveland, have made bids for the 1952 annual session of the Association for consideration by the House. Under present rules,

convention cities are selected three years in advance. The 1950 meeting will be held at Atlantic City and the 1951 meeting at Washington, D. C.

REFERENCE COMMITTEES FOR HOUSE NAMED BY DR. MINGES

Appointments of members of the Committee on Credentials and the 13 reference committees for the 90th annual session of the House of Delegates in San

Francisco next month have been made by Dr. Clyde E. Mingos, A.D.A. president. Appointments to the reference committees have been divided equally among the 13 A.D.A. trustee districts with each having three committee members. The appointments are:

Committee on Credentials -- Paul W. Zillmann, New York, chairman; John R. Abel, Southern California; Don M. Hamm, Arkansas

Constitution and Bylaws -- Sanford Ballinger, Utah, chairman; Earl P. Boulger, Illinois; T. H. McAllister, Oregon

Dental Education -- Willard S. Bell, New York, chairman; M. E. Lusk, Minnesota; George M. Anderson, Maryland

Dental Research -- H. O. Warrick, Oklahoma, chairman; Carl O. Boucher, Ohio; B. M. Tylicki, Southern California

Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations -- F. A. Pierson, Nebraska, chairman; J. S. Eilar, New Mexico; John H. Carter, New York

Federal Government Dental Corps -- H. Mesjian, Pennsylvania, chairman; Glenn E. Cartwright, Illinois; G. A. LeSage, Wisconsin
Hospital Dental Service -- G. W. Christiansen, Michigan, chairman; C. A. McMurray, Texas; Michael B. Messore, Rhode Island
Insurance -- A. J. Fillastre, Florida, chairman; Frederick C. Baker, Indiana; A. B. Coxwell, Kentucky
Legislation -- John W. Green, Illinois, chairman; W. Earle Craig, Pennsylvania; George D. Greenwood, New York
Miscellaneous Business -- Arno M. Bommer, Massachusetts, chairman; C. S. Renouard, Montana; O. J. Merwin, Minnesota
Public Health -- Oren A. Oliver, Tennessee, chairman; D. W. Brock, Missouri; Fred Wertheimer, Michigan
Reports of Officers -- Carlos H. Schott, Ohio, chairman; Harry Bear, Virginia; J. S. Oartel, Pennsylvania
Rules and Order -- Glenn C. Anderson, Iowa, chairman; T. Ford Leggett, Mississippi; Eugene R. Westcott, New Jersey
Scientific Session -- David J. Fitzgibbon, District of Columbia, chairman; Lawrence R. Ludwigsen, California; Henry T. Quinn, Connecticut

NEW YORK STATE DENTAL SOCIETY TO CONDUCT SERIES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS ON COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE

Current attempts to enact a national system of compulsory health insurance in the United States will be discussed in a series of nine district meetings sponsored by the Dental Society of the State of New York which begins in Albany, Sept. 19. The series was arranged by the state society compulsory health committee, headed by Dr. Donald H. Miller, to acquaint dentists and members of allied dental groups with the basic issues involved in the Thomas-Murray-Dingell bill. Among the speakers will be Dr. Philip J. Adams, of Boston, A.D.A. president-elect, and Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D. C., A.D.A. trustees. Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, will preside at each meeting. It is planned to have a question and answer period at the end of each meeting. Speaking at the opening meeting in Albany will be Dr. Adams, Dr. Burns and Dr. David Wurzel, a consultant of the dental society's compulsory health committee. Drs. Adams and Lynch will address meetings in Saratoga on Sept. 20 and in Syracuse on Sept. 21. Dr. Lon W. Morrey, editor of The Journal of the American Dental Association, Mr. Francis J. Garvey, secretary, A.D.A. Council on Legislation, and Dr. J. Ben Robinson, dean, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, will speak at meetings in Brooklyn on Sept. 26, New York City on Sept. 27 and White Plains on Sept. 28. Similar meetings will be held in November in Buffalo, Rochester and Elmira. Dates for these meetings will be announced.

DR. L. H. RENFROW IS NAMED BRIGADIER GENERAL

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of Dr. Louis H. Renfrow, veteran A.D.A. member and chairman of the Association's Committee on War Memorial, to the rank of brigadier general. Gen. Renfrow is now an aide to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. He formerly held the rank of colonel and was an assistant military aide to President Truman.

BROOKINGS LAUNCHES NEW STUDY ON HEALTH CARE

The A.D.A. has been asked to cooperate in fact-finding survey of health care in the United States just launched by the Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C. The survey is intended to be the most comprehensive study of this type ever conducted in the United States and will probably take two years to complete. It is planned to publish the findings in two volumes. The first will be a statistical report containing data on the extent of health care now available and provisions for meeting the cost through insurance or pre-payment plans, public services or private philanthropy. The second volume will be an evaluation, based on the facts assembled in the first volume, of both the health plans now in operation and those which have been proposed.

MEMBERSHIPS IN FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE ARE NOW AVAILABLE

An opportunity to join the Federation Dentaire Internationale, world-wide confederation of national dental societies, is now available to members of the American Dental Association, it is announced by Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations. Dr. Oren A. Oliver, former A.D.A. president and F.D.I. vice president, has been named treasurer for the enrollment of F.D.I. members. Memberships are available for the current fiscal year. Requests for new F.D.I. memberships or renewal of present memberships, together with a check for the annual dues of \$5, should be sent to Dr. Oliver, 1915 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. The present invitation to join the F.D.I. is the first to be accorded dentists in the United States since 1947 when two-year memberships were offered. Dr. Oliver also served as treasurer for F.D.I. membership enrollment at that time. Through membership in the F.D.I., Dr. Oliver pointed out, American dentists will be making a major contribution to international dental solidarity and will be supporting the international organization in dentistry comparable to those in medicine and the other professions. Members will be given an opportunity to participate, through the F.D.I., in the important work of the World Health Organization. Members will also be eligible to attend the annual meeting of the F.D.I. in Paris next July and to subscribe to the new International Dental Journal which will publish its first issue in September 1950. F.D.I. members will also be eligible for participation in the XI Dental Congress in London in 1952 at a reduced registration fee.

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES TOTAL OF 74,035

Total membership of the American Dental Association on August 31 was 74,035, an increase of almost five per cent over the 70,548 registered at the same time last year. The increase in student membership, from 3,379 to 7,201, or 213 per cent, was largely responsible for the overall increase. Over the same period, life memberships increased by 300 and the total number of active memberships dropped 635, a decrease of less than one per cent.

COPIES OF TESTIMONY ON ARMY BILL NOW AVAILABLE

The A.D.A. has available a limited number of copies of testimony on the Association-sponsored Army Dental bill, S.1205, given at hearings in Washington in June. Copies of this testimony, which includes statements of both A.D.A. and Army spokesmen, may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Council on Legislation, American Dental Association, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the promotion of Brig. Gen. George R. Kennebeck, chief of dental service, USAF to the rank of major general....Mr. Francis J. Garvey, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, will be one of the principal speakers at the fall meeting of the Dubuque District of the Iowa State Dental Society, Sept. 18 to 20.... Dr. J. Raymond Gill, associate professor at the University of California College of Dentistry, San Francisco, left Aug. 30 to serve one year as dean of the De Montmorency Dental School at Lahore, Pakistan....At its recent annual meeting, the National Dental Association tabled a resolution approving the Thomas-Murray-Dingell bill....Plans for the amalgamation of the three separate dental associations in Great Britain on Jan. 1 of 1950 are progressing satisfactorily, according to recent advices from London. The present plan is to retain the officers of all three groups as a consultive body during the first year of operation....The Veterans Administration will soon take applications for a one-year fellowship for research in dental materials at the National Bureau of Standards.... The \$40 million clinical center now being built for the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., will contain facilities for dental patients, the Federal Security Agency has announced. The building is due to be completed in July 1952....The Naval Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., is now accepting applications for training duty for 43 Volunteer Reserve dental officers for the period of Nov. 7-19.