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Leslie Maurice FitzGerald

1953–1954

Doctor FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Iowa, became the ninetieth president of the Association at the 1953 meeting in Cleveland.

Doctor FitzGerald, an oral surgeon, served as president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons (two terms), the Iowa Dental Association and the Dubuque Dental Society. He was a founding member of the American Board of Oral Surgery and was its executive secretary-treasurer for 22 years. In the American Dental Association, Doctor FitzGerald served as a member of the House of Delegates and as chairman of the Committee on Economics, the Section on Oral Surgery and the Advisory Committee of the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics. He was born in Iowa in 1898 and died in 1971.

The first atomic-powered submarine, the Nautilus, was launched in January 1954. Four Puerto Ricans firing pistols from the spectators' gallery wounded five members of Congress. Dien Bien Phu, French military outpost in Vietnam, fell to the army of Ho Chi Minh. Racial segregation in public schools was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The United States commitment in Southeast Asia began when the eight-nation Southeast Asia Treaty Organization was formed.