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DR. HILLENBRAND CHARGES U.S. BUDGET BUREAU BLOCKS NATIONAL DENTAL INSTITUTE IN MOVE AGAINST A.D.A.

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, last week charged the federal government with "talking out of both sides of its mouth when it discusses health." In a talk before the New York Academy of Dentistry in New York City, Dr. Hillenbrand declared that the U.S. Bureau of the Budget was withholding approval of funds for a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research because the dental profession is opposed to the administration's compulsory health insurance program. "It (the federal government) is either going to accept constructive proposals which are not compulsory health insurance," Dr. Hillenbrand said, "or it is going to gamble with the health of the people until the public finally accepts or rejects the government's proposal. The chances are that the Bureau of the Budget has come to confuse improved national health with the President's program. These are by no means identical." Dr. Hillenbrand pointed out that a \$2,000,000 dental research institute was authorized by Congress in 1948 but that the budget bureau for two successive years had failed to recommend the appropriation. Last year, he said, a direct appeal to Congress resulted in an appropriation of \$100,000 for the preparation of plans and specifications for a dental research building. However, the budget bureau has again refused to recommend the building funds on the grounds that the project "is not in accord with the President's program," Dr. Hillenbrand said. "In this unhappy instance, the words of the Bureau of the Budget makes more sense than usual," he added. "The funds for the construction of the National Institute of Dental Research 'are not in accord with the President's program' because the President has committed himself almost solely to the establishment of a prepaid health service program. Apparently, the proponents of federalized health services are now willing to come into the open to stop any effort toward improving national health when that effort does not involve federal control of health services through compulsory health insurance."

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP SHOWS GAIN OF 16,406; HOWEVER, 34 SOCIETIES LAG IN RETURNS

Membership of the American Dental Association totaled 49,849 by the end of last month, as an increase of 16,406 over the month of January, it was reported this week by the Council on Membership. At the same time, however, Dr. L. M. Cruttenden, A.D.A. assistant secretary, revealed that dues were slower in reaching the A.D.A. Central Office from 34 of the 54 constituent societies than for the same period last year. He said the names of all members who are not in good standing by March 31 will be removed from the subscription list of The Journal of the American Dental Association. Pointing out that dues for active members were due Jan. 1, Dr. Cruttenden said, "Every effort will be made to supply back numbers of the Journal after April 1, on receipt of a delinquent member's dues, but this cannot be guaranteed." A.D.A. compilation of membership dues as of Feb. 28 showed Delaware in the lead with 88 per cent of its membership in good standing; New Hampshire next with 85 per cent; Southern California and Tennessee, each with 83 per cent; Oklahoma, 82 per cent, and Idaho, 80 per cent. Student membership was up 76 from the same period last year for a total of 6,729 and life membership showed an increase of 392 for a total of 2,523 for the same period.

DENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE LAUNCHES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM -- GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOTH STUDENTS AND RESEARCH WORKERS

A special series of research fellowships are now available to dental scholars and scientists through the National Institute of Dental Research, it is announced by the U.S. Public Health Service. Beginning this month, grants will be awarded to applicants with a wide range of qualifications -- from undergraduate students to experienced research workers. The other five institutes in the National Institutes of Health have begun similar programs. Fellowship boards will review applications and make grants four times a year -- in March, June, September and December, and they can be effective any time within six months after the grant is made. The fellowships are of three types. Predoctorate research fellowships of \$1,200 a year are available to dental students with one or two years of professional training and to graduates with a bachelor's degree. The stipend is increased to \$1,600 a year if the applicant has a dependent. For applicants with a master's degree, the predoctorate research fellowship pays \$1,600 annually, or \$2,000 with dependents. Postdoctorate research fellowships carry an award of \$3,000 a year, or \$3,600 with dependents. If renewed for another year, the stipend is increased by \$300. A third classification, the special research fellowship, is available only to applicants who have research experience in special fields. The annual stipend is determined by the Surgeon General at the time of the award. Additional information and application forms may be obtained from the Division of Research Grants and Fellowships, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

A.D.A. FELLOWSHIP IS STILL AVAILABLE

A fellowship in dental and oral pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C., has not yet been filled, according to Dr. Henry A. Swanson, of Washington, D. C. chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Museum and Registry. Training received in this fellowship, which is sponsored by the A.D.A., is applicable towards board certification in oral pathology. The fellowship award is for \$3,600 a year. Applicants may obtain further information from Lt. Col. Joseph L. Bernier, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington 25, D. C.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR A.D.A. SURVEY OF NATION'S DENTISTS

Preparations were completed this week for mailing out questionnaires to more than 20,000 dentists throughout the nation in the survey (See A.D.A. News Letter, March 1, 1950) to be conducted next month by the A.D.A. Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics. The survey will ask for detailed data regarding dental practice. In an appeal for the cooperation of all dentists receiving the questionnaire, Mr. B. Duane Moen, assistant director of the Bureau, pointed out that the results "will provide standards against which a dentist can measure himself and his practice." He emphasized that no signatures will be required and that only information on groups of dentists will be published. Postal cards will accompany the questionnaires so that participating dentists may order a summary of the results in advance of their official publication. The questionnaires will be mailed to every fourth dentist on alphabetical lists including non-members as well as members of the A.D.A.

HOUSE SCHEDULES FIRST HEARINGS ON HOOVER UNITED MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION; A.D.A. ASKED TO TESTIFY

The American Dental Association has been invited to testify at the first public hearings on a bill (H.R. 5182) to establish a United Medical Administration as an independent agency of the federal government. The hearings on the bill, called the United Medical and Hospital Administration Act, will open next Wednesday (Mar. 22). Designed to implement the recommendations of the Hoover Commission on health services, it would affect every function of dentistry in the federal government. It was introduced by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department, which will conduct the hearings. The bill would transfer to the new agency all functions and facilities of the U. S. Public Health Service, all hospitals of the Veterans Administration, including out-patient service; all general hospitals of the Army and Navy; all station hospitals in the Air Force, the four civilian hospitals in the Canal Zone and St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the District of Columbia. Only exceptions would be one hospital for each of the services, which they would be allowed to retain as medical centers, and some isolated hospitals. The United Medical Administration would be headed by an

administrator appointed by the President and an advisory board consisting of the administrator of Veterans Affairs and the surgeons general of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. The act would abolish the Department of Medicine and Surgery, including the dental service, in the Veterans Administration and its personnel would be transferred to the new agency. Public Health Service officers could resign their commissions to accept appointment in the new organization. It would set up a united health and medical career service outside of the Civil Service Act. To be eligible for appointment as a dentist, the individual would be required to hold the degree of doctor of dental surgery from a school approved by the administrator and be licensed to practice. Appointments would be made initially for probationary periods and would be subject to periodical review of the individual's qualifications. Promotions would be based on examinations but periodic pay increases within a given professional grade would be established. Disciplinary boards would be set up to hear charges of ineptitude or misconduct. The boards could suspend or discharge an employee. Salary scales would be fixed by presidential proclamation. A dental specialist would be eligible for a salary 25 per cent higher than the base pay. Advanced training would be offered at civilian schools and at schools of the army, navy or air force and persons receiving this training would be required to serve in the new agency for at least three times the length of the training period or reimburse the agency for the cost. In addition to the career service, the act provides that dentists, as well as physicians and nurses, could be employed on a temporary basis for 90 days when necessary. The bill is one of three identical measures that have been introduced in Congress.

90 DENTISTS LOSE JOBS IN VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CUTBACK -- DECREASE REPORTED IN DEMAND FOR "HOME TOWN" DENTAL CARE

The jobs of about 90 dentists were abolished in the Veterans Administration cutback announced early this month. The total reduction in V. A. personnel will be about 7,800, most of them hospital employees. The purpose of the cutback, according to the V. A., is to bring salary expenditures within the provisions of the proposed 1951 V. A. budget which becomes operative July 1. The V. A. now has an estimated 110,000 employees. Some of those now being discharged, it was said, may be hired back to staff V. A. hospitals now under construction. The cutback followed closely an announcement that the demand for many V. A. services, including dental care, had fallen off during 1949. The recent annual report of Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., V. A. administrator, showed that applications for treatment under the V. A. "home town" dental care program were 4.4 per cent less in 1949 than in 1948. It also showed that a much greater proportion of the dental examinations and treatments were being given by V. A. staff dentists than during the previous year.

REPORT ADM. CLAYTOR TO SUCCEED ADM. RAULT AS THE CHIEF OF U. S. NAVY DENTAL CORPS

Reports persisted this week that 60-year-old Rear Adm. Spry O. Clator was slated to be named successor to Rear Adm. Clemens V. Rault as chief of the Dental Division of the U. S. Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. After 31 years in the Navy, Adm. Rault is resigning to become dean of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry on July 1. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Feb. 15, 1950). Adm. Claytor is inspector of dental activities for the navy with headquarters in San Francisco. He formerly was stationed at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and was graduated in 1917 from the then existing George Washington University School of Dentistry, Washington, D. C. He is a native of Prince Frederick, Md.

DR. KLEIN WILL SUPERVISE DENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR D.P.'S

Dr. Henry Klein, of the U. S. Public Health Foreign Quarantine Service, has been appointed to supervise dental examinations of displaced persons coming to this country from Europe. He is now living in Paris, where he also is serving as dental director of the American Joint Distribution Committee and assistant health attaché to the American Embassy in Paris. During the past year Dr. Klein has organized dental services for displaced persons' camps in Germany, Italy and Austria. They were financed by \$35,000 in contributions from American dentists and dental manufacturers.

RELIEF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS REACH TOTAL OF \$78,731 -- HAWAII, OREGON AND WASHINGTON EXCEED THEIR QUOTAS

An additional \$2,990.44 in contributions were received in late February and early March to bring 1949-50 donations to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to \$78,731.78, or about 79 per cent of the quota. During this period three more A.D.A. constituents exceeded their quotas to bring to ten the number whose contributions have gone "over the top." They are Hawaii, 101 per cent; Washington, 101 per cent; and Oregon, 100 per cent. Other constituent societies which previously exceeded their quotas continued to improve their marks. Alabama's now stands at 213 per cent; Panama Canal Zone, 137; North Dakota, 135; Southern California, 125; Georgia, 118; Montana, 111; and New Mexico, 108. Several states are close to the 100 per cent mark. They are: Arizona, 96 per cent; North Carolina, 96; West Virginia, 96; Idaho, 95; and Mississippi, 94.

A.D.A. SENDS SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH PLANS TO MEMBERS

A 90-page booklet that presents a well-rounded picture of the profession's attitude towards compulsory health insurance and voluntary programs was mailed this week to all A.D.A. members. Seventy-eight thousand copies of the booklet, entitled "Symposium on Dentistry's Participation in Health Plans," were donated to the A.D.A. by the American College of Dentists. The symposium is made up of papers presented at the convocation of the College in San Francisco last Oct. 16. Additional copies may be obtained from the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

DR. JAMES T. GINN IS NEW DENTAL DEAN AT TENNESSEE

Dr. James T. Ginn has been appointed dean of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, Memphis, succeeding Dr. R. D. Dean, who retires June 30. Dr. Ginn has been on the faculty at Tennessee for four years and, at the time of his appointment, was chief of the division of operative dentistry. He formerly was assistant professor of pathology at Loyola University, New Orleans. Dr. Dean became dean at the Tennessee dental school in 1941. He already has begun his retirement leave.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

A legislative committee of the American Medical Association early this month said it was opposed to the health insurance bill (S. 2940) recently introduced by Senator Lester C. Hunt. One reason given for its opposition was the bill's proposal that a dentist, as well as a physician, could be eligible to head a federal department of health....In a formal resolution, the Cleveland Dental Society this month expressed its gratitude and appreciation to Rep. Michael A. Feighan (D., Ohio) for his part in securing approval of the 1950 Children's Health Day Proclamation....The Florida State Dental Society has invited the American Dental Association to hold its 1953 annual session in Miami....There is still time for last year's members of the Federation Dentaire Internationale to pay their renewal dues, according to Dr. Oren A. Oliver, the treasurer of F.D.I. enrollment in this country. Checks for \$5 should be sent to Dr. Oliver at 1915 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn....A bill which would authorize the licensing of dental hygienists has been introduced in the Virginia legislature....The W. K. Kellogg Foundation this month awarded a \$40,000 grant to the University of Illinois College of Dentistry for the development of its postgraduate education program....The Junior A.D.A. Building was the name chosen for a three-story structure which the University of Detroit recently turned over to its School of Dentistry. The building houses a cafeteria, recreation hall and meeting rooms for dental students....The National Cancer Institute this month awarded \$63,705 in grants to dental schools to support cancer teaching for students. Included were a new grant of \$5,000 to the University of Washington School of Dentistry, Seattle, and renewal grants to 12 other dental schools...."Don't be Afraid of Your Dentist," an article on pain control by Karl Kohrs and Sid Ross, appeared in Parade magazine for March 12....The two dental members of the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee gave the Department of Defense a vote of confidence on its recent cutback in military hospital services. They are Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, A.D.A. trustee from the Fourth District, and Dr. Walter H. Scherer, A.D.A. past president.