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A.D.A. OPENS DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO REPLACE TEXTBOOKS IN WAR-DAMAGED SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES OVERSEAS

The aid of U.S. dentists was sought this week in an effort to lessen a tragic by-product of the war --- the destruction of millions of books in overseas university libraries. In recognition of the fact that the widespread loss of dental textbooks and reference works has placed great barriers in the path of students and teachers of dentistry, the A.D.A. has opened a nationwide drive to raise funds for the replacement of these volumes. A goal of \$250,000 has been set. The drive is in keeping with a program recommended by the A.D.A. Council on International Relations and approved by the House of Delegates at the Association's annual session last October. It calls for the campaign to be administered through the new CARE book program of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. (Enclosed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter is a pamphlet describing in detail the CARE-UNESCO program.) All members of the dental profession are urged to support as liberally as possible the drive for funds for the purchase of books. In charge of the fund raising drive is Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations and representative of the A.D.A. on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

FIFTY BOOK TITLES SELECTED BY EXPERTS

Dr. Tylman stressed that the books on dentistry to be sent overseas will be the latest available. "In the effort to help dentists and dental schools in devastated areas," Dr. Tylman said, "the A.D.A. has worked out a plan with CARE to place the most recent and authoritative works in the libraries of schools or dental organizations. These are planned to be a nucleus for the development of future dental libraries." Dr. Tylman said a list of 50 book titles was selected by a professional committee, headed by Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress. They range from such subjects as caries treatment, dental hygiene and oral prosthesis to oral surgery, orthodontia and prophylaxis. Plans call for all 50 books to be sent as a set to each school or library. Dr. Tylman also disclosed that the A.D.A. already has sent volumes valued at \$11,500 to dental institutions in 33 countries. These publications were complete 18-volume sets of the Association's "Index to Dental Literature," valued at \$150 each. Members of the A.D.A. are urged to send their contributions to the CARE program, c/o the American Dental Association, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago 11. Any contributor of \$10 or more will have the privilege of naming the country and the institution to which he would like his gift sent.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ELIMINATES SCHOLARSHIPS IN FEDERAL AID-TO-EDUCATION BILL; HEALTH SERVICES FACE SLASH

Scholarships for dental, medical and other students in the health field were eliminated last week from the proposed federal aid-to-education bill (H.R. 5940) by a House subcommittee. The revised bill is now up for debate before the full Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. A bill containing this scholarship provision was passed by the Senate last year. Another revision would limit federal subsidies to 30 per cent of the school's annual instruction costs instead of the 50 per cent specified in the Senate version of the bill. The subcommittee made no changes in the yardstick of subsidies for schools. The present bill would make dental schools eligible to receive \$400 for each student and \$400 additional for each student in excess of average class enrollment for the past three years. The amended bill may be reported to the

House floor this week. The house acted on two other health bills last month. A bill (S. 2541) which permits the Veterans Administration to give personnel in its Bureau of Medicine and Surgery up to 180 days annual leave for internship training and special studies was passed by the House and signed by President Truman. The National Science Foundation Bill (S. 247) was passed with amendments. The Senate has requested a conference on this bill. Bills for aid to local public health units (S. 522) and school health services (S. 1411), both of which passed the Senate last year, still await action in the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. House Expenditures Committee hearings on the United Medical Administration bill (H.R. 5182) were scheduled to begin this week. Representatives of the American Dental Association have been asked to testify on this measure, which would bring all government dentistry, medicine and hospitalization into one agency.

CUTS PROPOSED IN HEALTH SERVICES

The omnibus appropriations bill now up for debate on the House floor contains large cuts in the amounts recommended by the Budget Bureau for expenditures on health services. A recommended increase of \$9,250,000 for general health assistance to the states was rejected and requests for funds for hospital construction were reduced by half. Requests by the Public Health Service for research grants generally were left untouched, but the House Appropriations Committee did not include the \$1,900,000 appropriation for the construction of a dental research building, as requested by the A.D.A. The committee approved a budget for the Veterans Administration which was 14 per cent lower than last year's but accepted most Budget Bureau recommendations on allowances for V. A. health services. In accordance with these recommendations, the V. A. already has begun to reduce its payroll and has eliminated outpatient dental services in 40 V. A. field offices.

A.D.A. SETS UP PERMANENT PROGRAM TO CONDUCT APTITUDE TESTS FOR DENTAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS

A permanent program of aptitude tests for the majority of persons seeking to enter dental schools will be officially launched next fall by the A.D.A.'s Council on Dental Education, it has been announced by Dr. Shailer A. Peterson, secretary. Establishment of the nation-wide testing procedure climaxes a five-year program of study and experiment. Thirty-nine, or all except one of the dental schools accredited by the Council, have asked to be included in the project. The program, given the go-ahead at the annual A.D.A. session last fall, received final approval at a recent meeting of the Council. Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, dean of the School of Dentistry, Washington University, St. Louis, has been appointed chairman of a special committee for the project. The first tests will be held for applicants seeking to begin school the fall of 1951. Plans call for four testing periods -- November, 1950; December, 1950; February, 1951, and April, 1951. The tests will be held at dental schools, at certain state colleges and universities in states having no dental schools, and in specially designated areas where there is a large concentration of applicants. The program will work this way: After individuals apply for admission as dental students, the schools will conduct a preliminary screening of the applications. The names of the screened applicants will be forwarded to the A.D.A., which, in turn, will notify each applicant of the time and place where the test will be given. Results of each test will be returned to the school for consideration, along with other relevant information, in making the final selection of the members of the incoming freshman class.

NORTH CAROLINA BECOMES 11TH STATE SOCIETY TO EXCEED QUOTA IN A.D.A. RELIEF FUND DRIVE

Contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund in the 1949-50 campaign reached a total of \$80,060.48, an all-time high, on March 30. Additional contributions of \$1,328.70 were added to the Fund during the last two weeks of March. During that period, contributions from North Carolina dentists reached 104 per cent of quota, making that state the eleventh A.D.A. constituent society to go "over the top." The others, with per cent of quota contributed, are: Alabama (214), Panama Canal Zone (137), North Dakota (135), Southern California (125), Georgia (118), Montana (112), New Mexico (108), Hawaii (104), Washington (102) and Oregon (101).

NEW PENICILLIN DENTIFRICE CUTS CARIES BY 50 PER CENT, MEMBERS OF I.A.D.R. TOLD AT ANNUAL SESSION THIS WEEK

Experiments with a new penicillin dentifrice have resulted in an over-all reduction in dental caries of about 50 per cent, it was reported by Dr. Helmut A. Zander, of Tufts College dental school, Boston, at last week's annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research at French Lick Springs, Ind. Dr. Zander's report was based on a two-year clinical study of 202 children who used the penicillin dentifrice and 150 children who served as a control. Dr. Zander said that tests have been performed to determine whether the dentifrice caused penicillin sensitivity. To date, the Food and Drug Administration has not certified the dentifrice for sale to the public. An evaluation of the evidence on the effectiveness and safety of the proposed dentifrice is now being prepared by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics. Results of this study and other highlights of the I.A.D.R. meeting will be published in The A.D.A. Journal. Dr. Basil G. Bibby, of Rochester, N. Y., was installed as president of the association and Dr. Leonard S. Fosdick, of Chicago, was named president-elect. Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, Ind., was elected vice president and Dr. Edward H. Hatton, of Chicago, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

INTER-ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ADOPTS STATEMENT ON MEDICAL CARE FOR THE NEEDY

Direct control by public agencies of the financing of medical care for the needy was recommended in a statement made public at a meeting of the Inter-Association Committee on Health in New York, March 25. The statement recommended that welfare departments purchase medical care for recipients instead of giving them aid in the form of cash benefits, as is now required under the Social Security Act. The Committee pointed out that "medical care" was meant to include dental, as well as nursing and hospital care and physicians' services. A.D.A. representatives at the meeting were: Dr. Philip E. Adams, president; Dr. William McGill Burns, New York trustee; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, secretary, and Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, member of the Council on Dental Health. The next meeting of the group was set for June 11.

SELECT OFFICIAL HOTELS FOR 91ST ANNUAL SESSION OF A.D.A.

The Traymore and the Claridge have been selected as official hotels for the 91st annual session of the A.D.A. in Atlantic City, Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. The choice was made at a recent meeting of Association officials and members of the Committee on Local Arrangements, headed by Dr. E. R. White, of Jersey City, N. J. Meetings of the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates will be at the Traymore, while functions involving section officers, essayists and clinicians are scheduled for the Claridge.

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NAMES FIRST CONSULTANTS AS DENTAL SPECIALISTS; NINE PERSONS APPOINTED

For the first time, the U.S. Public Health Service will have the services of consultants in specialized fields of dentistry. Last week Dr. Bruce Forsyth, U.S. assistant surgeon general and chief of the division of dentistry of the Public Health Service, announced the appointment of nine dental consultants. The new consultants and the fields in which they will advise include Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, A.D.A. president, orthodontia and administration and organization; Dr. John E. Buhler, dean of the School of Dentistry, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., audio-visual education and methods and materials; Dr. Russell W. Bunting, dean of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, training; Dr. George W. Christiansen, of Detroit, president of the Michigan State Dental Society, oral surgery and hospital services; Dr. James M. Dunning, dean of the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine, industrial oral health and clinical investigations; Dr. Leroy M. Ennis of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, roentgenology and diagnosis; Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, who will become dean of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry July 1, postgraduate education; Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, also of the University of Michigan, preventive dentistry and public health; and Mr. Melvin Dollar, director of the Group Health Association in Washington, D. C., consultant for dental economics and statistical research.

PLAN TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF DR. ADAMS

In recognition of his service to the dental profession, Dr. Philip E. Adams, A.D.A. president, will be honored with a testimonial dinner by the Metropolitan District Dental Society of Boston on April 22. Dr. Adams served 20 years as secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society before he was unanimously elected president-elect of the A.D.A. in 1948. He is a professor of orthodontics at Tufts College Dental School in Boston. Dr. Adams will address a number of organizations within the next few weeks, including the North Shore District Dental Society in Gloucester, Mass., April 13, and five state society meetings---Kentucky, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Virginia and New Jersey.

A.D.A. AND AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS TO SPONSOR NEW PROGRAM FOR DENTAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS IN CHEMISTRY

Establishment of a new program of dental research assistantships for post-graduate students of chemistry was announced jointly today by the American College of Dentists and the American Dental Association. The program will be carried out under the direction of the A.D.A. Bureau of Chemistry, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago. Those selected will be paid a salary of \$2,500 annually from funds made available through a special grant from the American College of Dentists and the A.D.A. All recent graduates in chemistry who ranked in the upper one-quarter of their class and who will be admitted to graduate study in chemistry at a recognized university in the Chicago area will be eligible to apply for a research assistantship. Inquiries should be sent to Dr. J. Roy Doty at the A.D.A. Central Office.

MAILING OF DENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES BEGINS THIS WEEK

The A.D.A. survey of the nation's dentists (See A.D.A. News Letter, March 1, 1950) will be officially launched next Friday (April 7) when the first of more than 20,000 questionnaires are mailed to U.S. dentists. The mailing is expected to be completed April 10. The questionnaires, which ask for detailed data regarding dental practice, will be sent to every fourth dentist on alphabetical lists, including non-members as well as members of the A.D.A.

N.Y. STATE TO GIVE DENTIST EXAMS THROUGHOUT U. S.

Examinations for licenses to practice dentistry in the state of New York can now be taken anywhere in the United States. A new law, passed last week by the state legislature, authorizes state examiners to give the practical part of the examination to dental and dental hygiene students at dental schools throughout the country. It provides, however, that the students must pay the travel and maintenance expenses of the examiners plus "reasonable compensation for their services."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Last year 8,064 dental students were being trained under the G. I. bill, 14 per cent more than the 7,091 who were training in 1947, according to the Veterans Administration. Veterans training in nearly all other educational classifications, including general medicine and surgery, showed a drop over the same period....Dr. Bernhard Gottlieb, the originator of the "impregnation" method for preventing tooth decay, died March 16. He was a faculty member of the Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, Tex....The legislature in Wyoming recently appropriated \$18,000 to provide scholarships for residents wishing to study dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine or nursing....The Division of Dental Health of the Kansas State Board of Health has prepared special maps of Kansas to assist new dental graduates in choosing a location. These maps indicate which counties need additional dentists, together with information on the number of dentists, total population and average expendable family income in each county....The National Dental Veterans League was disbanded last month....Internships and residencies offered by the Army, Navy and Air Force now carry uniform obligations for active duty service, according to the Department of Defense. This move is expected to eliminate competition between the service branches in the recruitment of dental and medical graduates.... Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Allen O. Gruebel, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, recently became members of the Board of Directors of the National Health Council.