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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 91st A. D. A. SESSION
ATLANTIC CITY - Oct. 30 to Nov. 2



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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK ON BILLS CALLING
FOR DRAFT OF FORMER ASTP AND V-12 TRAINEES AS DENTAL OFFICERS**

Formal hearings on five pending bills which would authorize a special draft of dentists and physicians to meet growing needs of the armed forces for dental and medical officers are expected to be held next week by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. No definite date for the hearings had been set at press time. Congressional sources, however, said that the hearings would probably be held within the next ten days. The bills propose that the armed forces, in filling quotas for dental and medical officers, call up first those professional men who received all or part of their training at government expense during World War II or who were deferred to complete their professional educations and who have not seen active military or naval duty. In general the bills follow recommendations advanced by the A.D.A. Council on Federal Government Dental Services two weeks ago (See A.D.A. News Letter, Aug. 1) which last week were approved by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees by mail vote. Similar general endorsements of the principle of making young physicians, particularly those who received professional training at government expense during World War II, eligible for immediate military or naval duty has been voted by the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. Representatives of the A.D.A. and the A.M.A. and the Department of Defense are scheduled to testify at the hearings.

**A.D.A. TO URGE USE
OF CIVILIAN BOARDS**

In addition to endorsing the principle that younger dentists should be made liable for service as needed, A.D.A. spokesmen at the hearings are also expected to urge that the National Security Resources Board or some similar government agency be given authority to determine and maintain basic ratios between military and civilian requirements for professional, technical, specialist and scientific personnel. Such ratios are needed to safeguard the health of civilians and, at the same time, guarantee essential health services for military and naval personnel. Such ratios, if enforced, would tend to prevent over-staffing or wastage of professional manpower in the armed forces. It would also tend to prevent a recurrence of the situation during World War II when hundreds of dental officers were assigned to non-professional duties. In accordance with Association policy, A.D.A. spokesmen also will urge the establishment of national advisory committees to correlate studies and recommendations for each of the major professions or occupations in the whole matter of assignment for military duty or continued service in the civilian economy. The A.D.A. recommendation will be that subsidiary advisory committees be established at regional, state and local levels where necessary. In all instances, all such advisory committees would be composed of persons who are members of the profession or occupation involved. In the preparation of tentative legislative drafts embodying these proposals, A.D.A. representatives have worked in close cooperation with officials of the A.M.A. who are considering similar recommendations.

STATE SOCIETY AID SOUGHT IN FILLING RESERVE QUOTAS

As Congressional action loomed on special dentist-physician draft legislation, the Army moved ahead with its plans to call to active duty a total of 343 re-

serve officers between Sept. 22 and Oct. 6 (See A.D.A. New Letter, Aug. 11). In several of the Army areas, the direct cooperation of state dental societies will be requested in determining an order of priority for the calling up of dental reservists to active duty. In those areas, it was learned, the dental surgeons will assign a quota to each state in accordance with the number of resident dentists to total population of each state. Lists of eligible dental reserve officers will then be forwarded to officials of each state society with the request that the state society suggest a priority under which reserve dental officers would be called to fill each state quota. Mechanism for determining such priorities would be left to the discretion of each state society. The Army order, calling up the 343 dental reservists, however, specifies that reserve officers who have had no active military duty are to be called first and then those with less than one year active service. It also provides that deferments be granted to senior residents and post-graduate students, to essential dental teachers and to officers whose absence from their respective communities would jeopardize community health. In other areas, it is planned to send questionnaires to each reservist with the request that he provide full information regarding his practice, availability, etc. From information garnered from these questionnaires, dental surgeons in the Army area would then order to duty the number of officers required. Unofficial estimates are that about one-fourth to one-third of the 3,000 Army dental reserve officers hold commissions in the ranks being requisitioned for active duty.

VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE BONUS OF \$100 PER MONTH

Army officials were hopeful that the major portion of state quotas would be filled by volunteers. Under present rulings, volunteers will receive a salary bonus

of \$100 per month, while those who are called without their consent will receive only the authorized pay for their rank. Reserve officers may volunteer, it was said, up through the time of their physical examination. After being selected, reserve officers will be given 21 days delay before being required to report for actual duty.

NAVY AND AIR FORCE CALLS NOT EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY

According to information from Washington, neither the Navy nor the Air Force is planning to issue similar compulsory calls for reserve dental officers at the

present. Immediate needs of both the Air Force and the Navy Dental Corps were reported being filled by volunteers, including a number of ex-ASTPs and V-12s. It was pointed out, however, that the situation could change overnight.

F.D.I. ACTS TO CONDUCT GLOBAL SURVEY OF DENTAL HEALTH PLANS

Plans for a global survey of dental health service schemes were completed at the 38th annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale in Paris, July 23 to 30. The F.D.I. Commission of Public Dental Service is to submit a questionnaire on control of dental disease to the World Health Organization for distribution to government agencies throughout the world. Results of the survey are expected to be presented at the Eleventh International Dental Congress in 1952. Nearly 300 dentists from 29 countries attended the Paris meeting. Representing the A.D.A. were Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, dental chief of the U. S. Public Health Service. Dr. Hillenbrand served as chairman of the finance committee and president of the publication commission. Among actions taken by the F.D.I. were recommendations that "oral hygiene should play a major part in the curriculum of dental schools," that all national dental societies develop agencies similar to the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, and that (the F.D.I.) "did not consider the whole medical curriculum an essential prerequisite" for a dental education. Three Americans were appointed to an Armed Forces Commission designed to give dentistry an independent status in the military health services, to encourage military research and to standardize equipment. Named were Dr. R. H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Government Dental Services; Maj. Gen. George Kennebeck, chief of the U. S. Air Force Dental Corps. and Dr. Forsyth. At the same time, three new dental associations -- from Spain, Syria and Israel -- were voted into membership.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN ASSOCIATION'S HISTORY EXPECTED AT ATLANTIC CITY MEETING - PLAN FOR NEARLY 15,000 DENTISTS

Nearly 15,000 dentists and their families are expected to attend the 91st annual session of the A.D.A., from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 in Atlantic City, setting a new record in the history of the Association. Geared to the anticipated huge turnout at the four-day mid-century meeting, arrangements for the business, scientific and social programs are rapidly nearing completion. The Association last met in Atlantic City in 1937. Ample housing facilities are assured for all visitors by the large number of major hotels at the nation's leading seaside resort. In charge of reservations is the A.D.A. Housing Bureau at 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City. Applications for reservations may be obtained in The A.D.A. Journal. Business meetings will be held at the Traymore Hotel where the Board of Trustees will begin deliberations Oct. 23, a week prior to the session. The House of Delegates is expected to hold four meetings, one during each day of the session, in the hotel's American Room. The general session, scheduled for 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31, will also be held in the American Room. In addition, there will be meetings of 20 allied organizations immediately prior to the annual session.

10 SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED

The scientific program, under the direction of the Council on Scientific Session, headed by Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., will be presented at the \$15 million Convention Hall. Featured on the scientific side of the session will be meetings of 10 scientific sections, a two-day clinic program, including nearly 200 separate table clinics, a continuous motion picture program and nearly 50 scientific exhibits. The scientific sections, with the nation's foremost dental authorities participating, will meet simultaneously the afternoon of Oct. 31, all day Nov. 1 and the morning of Nov. 2. Also at Convention Hall will be an unusually large display of commercial exhibits. More than 150 exhibitors have booked nearly 50,000 square feet of space.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER IS ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHT

An extensive program of entertainment has been planned under the direction of local arrangements committees, headed by Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City. Outstanding is a President's dinner in honor of Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, A.D.A. president, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Traymore. Music and an elaborate floor show will be included in the program. Another highlight is a federal government services luncheon, planned for noon Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Traymore. Dental corps chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, U. S. Public Health Service and Veterans Administration, as well as New Jersey congressmen, will be special guests. As a special feature for families of dentists, a fashion show will be presented at a luncheon at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall. Other activities on the social calendar are an entertainment and dance sponsored by the host New Jersey State Dental Society, fraternity banquets, a golf tournament and dinner sponsored by the American Dental Golf Association, and daily boat cruises, bus rides to historic points and rolling chair rides along the boardwalk. Reservations for the special events should be made in advance. Checks should be sent to Dr. White, at 921 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. For the President's dinner, tickets are \$10, and for the federal government services luncheon, \$4. Tickets for the combined fashion show and luncheon are also \$4. There will be special rates for the boat cruises and bus rides and arrangements for them may be made at the registration and information desks at the convention.

THREE A.D.A. DELEGATES NAMED TO NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Ad interim appointments of three A.D.A. delegates to the National Health Council, an agency of voluntary groups set up to coordinate public health activities on a national, state and local basis, have been announced by Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, A.D.A. president. Those named, all A.D.A. trustees, are Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn; Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D. C. At the same time, Dr. Adams named Dr. Steve A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., to fill a vacancy on the A.D.A. Council on Relief caused by the death of Dr. J. Russell Mitchell. Another council vacancy has occurred with the resignation of Dr. Collister M. Wheeler, of Portland, Ore., from the Council on Federal Dental Services. Dr. Wheeler has returned to active duty in the Navy Dental Corps.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO WEIGH FEDERAL AID-TO-EDUCATION BILL - V.A. DENTAL SPECIALISTS ACT APPROVED BY SENATE GROUP

An A.D.A.-approved Federal Aid-to-Education bill, which provides federal grants to schools of dentistry for expansion, new construction and scholarships, will be considered in executive session by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee tomorrow (Aug. 16). The committee weighing the bill (H.R. 8886) is headed by Rep. Robert Crosser (D., Ohio). A similar measure (S. 1453) was passed by the Senate last year. The principle of federal aid-to-education was endorsed by the A.D.A. House of Delegates last October at San Francisco and the Association has gone on record as favoring enactment of the bill. In another legislative action, a dental specialists bill, which would give dentists in the Veterans Administration professional parity with physicians, neared enactment Friday (Aug. 11) when the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, headed by Sen. Elbert Thomas (D., Utah), acted favorably on the A.D.A.-sponsored measure and reported it out to the Senate. The bill (H.R. 8619) earlier was approved by the House. In still another Senate action, an amendment that included a \$3 million appropriation for construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research and to extend research was defeated by a vote of 48 to 36 with 12 senators not voting. The amendment, sought by a bipartisan bloc of 26 senators, called for an increase of \$64 million in funds for the National Institutes of Health, including cancer, mental health and heart programs, as well as dentistry.

ARIZONA ACCEPTS GRADES OF NATIONAL EXAMINING BOARD

Arizona last week became the 24th state to accept the grades of dental graduates who take National Board of Dental Examiner tests, according to Dr. Gordon L. Teall, of Hiawatha, Kans., secretary of the A.D.A. Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners. The U.S. Public Health Service and the Army also accept these grades, which cover written examinations on the fundamental sciences and dental subjects. Dr. Teall said the Board will give its next examinations on Dec. 4 and 5.

PLAN CONFERENCE FOR DENTAL HEALTH CHAIRMEN, STATE DIRECTORS

For the first time, the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health will bring together state dental directors and chairmen of state councils on dental health when the A.D.A. annual session convenes this fall. An all-day conference of state leaders will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City, with Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans, council chairman, presiding. The program will be concerned with the organization of effective community dental health programs. There will also be a discussion of prepayment plans for dental services. Dr. Allen O. Gruebbel, council secretary, said plans call for the conference to be held annually.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

A comprehensive listing of 898 graduate, postgraduate and refresher courses offered by accredited dental schools and by the Army and Navy is available upon request to the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education at the Central Office....Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, is in Brazil as a visiting professor at the Universities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo....Midwest dentists are invited to an all-day session on children's dentistry to be held in Minneapolis by the Minnesota unit of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, Oct. 20, at the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota.... A total of 215 dental societies throughout the United States have registered for the 1950-51 telephone series on current advances in dentistry to be presented by the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, beginning Nov. 11....Three new educational booklets for laymen have been made available by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. They are "Your Guide to Dental Health," "Your Teeth...How They Grow" and "Orthodontics: Questions and Answers."....Back issues of The A.D.A. Journal and The Journal of Oral Surgery will be kept by libraries in microfilm form under an arrangement between the A.D.A. and University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Mich.