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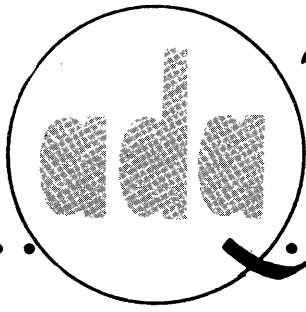


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EXPECT ORDER FOR REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS UNDER NEW DRAFT LAW TO BE ISSUED THIS WEEK BY PRESIDENT

President Truman this week is expected to issue a formal call for the registration with Selective Service of dentists and physicians through 50 years of age in accordance with the special dentist-physician draft law enacted by the Congress. Although confirmation was lacking, reports persisted that the order would be issued by President Truman on Thursday, Oct. 5, and that the registration would begin in mid-October. It is expected that the registration will be completed in about 30 days. Each registrant will be required, it is reported, to fill out a questionnaire giving details of his previous military service, the extent of his participation in the Army and Navy training programs and whether he was deferred during World War II to continue his education. Under the new draft bill, men who were enrolled in government training programs or who had educational deferments would be called first. According to Dr. Richard L. Meiling, defense department medical director, the first draft call will be issued in December and will be for approximately 2,000 dentists, physicians and other specialists. The exact number will depend upon the needs of the armed forces at that time. Dr. Meiling has estimated that approximately 2,000 dentists and about 7,000 physicians in addition to present complements will be needed by the armed forces by June 30 if the services are expanded as currently planned. At present, there are approximately 3,000 dentists and 6,000 physicians on active duty. Present plans provide that Selective Service will have 60 days after the first call for medical and dental personnel to fill the various quotas. This means that the first dental and medical draftees would not be inducted until sometime next February.

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS BEING MET BY VOLUNTEERS

Current requirements of the armed forces for dental officers are being met by dentists voluntarily applying for commissions and there is no immediate prospect of involuntary recall of dental reserve officers, defense officials indicated this week. The number of dental volunteers, however, was not large and defense officials admitted they had virtually given up hope of filling quotas without resort to the special draft. The situation regarding dental manpower, however, was considerably better than that for medical manpower. On Thursday (Sept. 28) the Army announced that orders were being issued to recall 130 reserve medical

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to make hotel reservations for the 91st annual session of the A.D.A. to be held in Atlantic City Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. If you have not already sent in your request for hotel accommodations, you will find a convenient application blank on page A-25 in your copy of the October issue of The A.D.A. Journal. Send it in today and enjoy a top-flight scientific meeting at one of the leading seaside resorts of the world.

officers to active duty to meet emergency needs. This new call was made, an Army spokesman said, because "it may be several months" before physicians are available in any great number through Selective Service. The number of dental and medical volunteers has slowed down considerably in recent days and it may be necessary to recall additional dental reserve officers as a result of the drastic lowering of dental health standards for Army inductees, it was pointed

out. Effective last week, the Army directed that no draftee be rejected because of a lack of serviceable teeth. Prior to this order, Army draftees had to have at least 16 teeth to be acceptable. Under the new order, they may be edentulous. This will place a much heavier burden on Army dental officers assigned to the task of restoring dental health for all draftees and presumably will force the Army to speed up its call for additional dental officers.

BRIG. GEN. RENFROW IS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, A.D.A. member and former chairman of the Association's wartime Special Committee on War Memorial, was appointed deputy director of Selective Service Sept. 20 by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director. Gen. Renfrow resigned as a special assistant to former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson when Johnson was succeeded by Gen. George C. Marshall.

THIRD ARMY DENTAL BILL INTRODUCED AS CONGRESS ADJOURNS UNTIL NOV. 27 to CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION

A third A.D.A.-sponsored Army Dental bill was introduced into Congress shortly before its adjournment last week. Rep. Rivers (D., S.C.) presented to the House the measure (H.R. 9690) which would place the Army Dental Corps on an administrative parity with the Medical Corps. A few days earlier similar bills, drafted by the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, were introduced into the Senate by Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.) and into the House by Rep. Brehm (R., Ohio), both dentists. In a letter to the Association, Rep. Brehm pledged full cooperation in supporting the bill and added: "I wish to assure you that if I am returned to Congress next January that one of my first official acts will be to reintroduce this legislation which in my opinion is indeed vital to the Army Dental Corps." Most of the members of Congress went home to campaign for seats in the 82nd Congress which meets in January. Meanwhile, however, they will come back for their third and final session, beginning Nov. 27. The record chalked up at the lengthy second session of the 81st Congress was impressive for dentistry. The Association took a major role in enactment of the physicians-dentists draft bill setting up an order of priority for securing dental officers for the armed forces. An A.D.A.-sponsored bill to place dental specialists on a par with medical specialists in the Veterans Administration also became law. Earlier in the year, President Truman proclaimed Feb. 6 as National Children's Dental Health Day after an A.D.A.-sponsored resolution authorizing the presidential proclamation was approved in both Houses of Congress. The A.D.A. successfully spearheaded opposition to Reorganization Plan No. 27 which would have transferred the Federal Security Administration into a cabinet-rank Department of Health, Education and Security. The plan was rejected decisively in the House of Representatives and was a major setback to the administration's plan to promote compulsory health insurance. The A.D.A. also took an active part as emphatic congressional majorities ignored health insurance schemes, expected to be raised as a major issue in the forthcoming election campaigns. Oscar R. Ewing, federal security administrator, set the keynote in Houston last week at a convention of the American Federation of Labor when he attacked any opposition to the health plan as "stupid" and "dangerous." On the debit side, bills supported by the A.D.A. to approve federal aid to dental education, did not get to a vote but are expected to be revised for introduction in Congress next year.

DR. PHILIP BLACKERBY IS NAMED DENTAL CONSULTANT FOR W.H.O.

Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, Jr., dental director of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., and associate director of its international division, sailed today (Oct. 1) for Europe to spend three months as a consultant for the World Health Organization in Geneva. He will make a study of dental programs in Great Britain and on the continent prior to submitting recommendations for W.H.O. activities in the dental health field. Also serving as a dental consultant for the W.H.O., Mr. Clifford Ballard of the Eastman Clinic in London is in the United States for a three months study of orthodontic departments at schools of dentistry. Dr. Blackerby is a former dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Louisville.

NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA STATE DENTAL SOCIETY DIRECTORS VOTE APPROVAL OF FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

Recommendations urging the fluoridation of community water supplies for two of the most populous areas of the nation were made last week in separate actions by directors of two state dental societies. Officers of the Dental Society of the State of New York and the California State Dental Association approved resolutions recommending the fluoridation process as a decay-control measure. In New York, the executive council resolution was subject to two conditions -- that the local dental and medical professions in each area approve the program and that the community meet and maintain the standards required by the state health department for the program. In California, the board of directors stipulated that fluoridation be carried out only in cities and towns "large enough to meet the standards of the state board of health." Dr. Charles A. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, secretary of the New York society, said the recommendation for New York was based on the results thus far of the 10-year controlled study by the state health department in Newburgh, N.Y. The study, begun in 1945, has indicated a downward trend of 30 per cent in incidence of dental caries among children. A similar recommendation regarding fluoridation of domestic water supplies was made last June by the U.S. Public Health Service.

16 STATE SOCIETIES TOP QUOTA IN RECORD 1950 RELIEF FUND DRIVE

A final tabulation of contributions to the 1949-50 A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign indicates that 16 constituent societies contributed 100 per cent or more of their respective quotas, according to Dr. John S. Owens, of Camden, N.J., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Relief. Total contributions reached a record high of \$83,047.29. Following are contributions by constituent societies and per cent of quota for each:

	To June 30				To June 30		
	1949-50 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1949-50 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Alabama	\$ 810.00	\$ 1756.50	217	Nebraska	\$ 1160.00	\$ 1056.58	91
Arizona	260.00	248.00	95	Nevada	100.00	71.00	71
Arkansas	490.00	345.00	70	New Hampshire	410.00	191.00	47
Army	510.00	307.40	60	New Jersey	4290.00	3724.53	87
California	3640.00	3001.36	82	New Mexico	190.00	205.79	108
S. California	4340.00	5636.47	130	New York	15560.00	11584.98	74
Colorado	880.00	789.37	90	North Carolina	1190.00	1342.29	113
Connecticut	1940.00	1700.75	88	North Dakota	340.00	459.34	136
Delaware	150.00	99.00	66	Ohio	4910.00	3593.58	73
Dist. of Col.	810.00	1267.29	156	Oklahoma	920.00	717.08	78
Florida	1180.00	1093.16	93	Oregon	1150.00	1175.78	102
Georgia	1020.00	1262.00	124	Panama C.Z.	30.00	41.00	137
Hawaii	360.00	374.29	104	Pennsylvania	7260.00	5157.96	71
Idaho	270.00	256.50	95	P. H. Service	300.00	142.50	48
Illinois	7640.00	6283.99	82	Puerto Rico	290.00	123.87	43
Indiana	2340.00	1991.91	85	Rhode Island	530.00	274.50	52
Iowa	1910.00	1672.58	88	South Carolina	380.00	208.29	55
Kansas	1130.00	937.18	83	South Dakota	350.00	203.00	58
Kentucky	1100.00	916.58	83	Tennessee	1100.00	1126.50	102
Louisiana	1040.00	1040.00	100	Texas	3040.00	2006.38	66
Maine	420.00	321.00	76	Utah	470.00	481.79	103
Maryland	1040.00	856.08	82	Vermont	210.00	100.00	48
Massachusetts	3780.00	2489.50	66	Vet Admin.	980.00	379.50	39
Michigan	3900.00	3012.44	77	Virginia	1120.00	870.00	78
Minnesota	3060.00	2336.38	76	Washington	1680.00	1730.33	103
Mississippi	500.00	499.99	100	West Virginia	730.00	715.14	98
Missouri	2670.00	2235.31	87	Wisconsin	2990.00	1731.47	58
Montana	340.00	353.00	104	Wyoming	170.00	133.29	78
Navy	710.00	347.29	49	Unorganized		69.50	
					<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$83,047.29</u>	<u>83</u>

BUSY SCHEDULE AWAITS ESTIMATED 15,000 DENTISTS EXPECTED AT 91ST ANNUAL SESSION IN ATLANTIC CITY

Within the next four weeks, a record-breaking total of 15,000 dentists and their families from all parts of the nation will converge on Atlantic City for the 91st annual session of the A.D.A., officially opening Monday, Oct. 30. An extensive schedule of activities awaits convention visitors. In Convention Hall, the nation's foremost dental authorities will participate in eight scientific sections. Nearly 250 scientific and commercial exhibits, 200 separate table clinics and a continuous motion picture program will be presented. At the Traymore Hotel, the House of Delegates will make decisions on major policy matters governing the course of the Association for the next year. Highlight of an elaborate entertainment program planned by the local arrangements committee, headed by Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City, N.J., is a President's Dinner in honor of Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, at the Traymore on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1. Immediately prior to the annual session, the Conference of State Society Officers will hold an all-day meeting Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Traymore. Speakers will be Dr. Adams, Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president-elect, and Mr. Francis J. Garvey, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation. A highlight of the program will be a forum on state dental society problems on a state and national level. The panel members will include Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary; Dr. Charles H. Patton, president, Pennsylvania State Dental Society; Dr. E. Jeff Justis, secretary, Tennessee State Dental Association; Dr. J. C. A. Harding, editor, Southern California State Dental Association, and Mr. James Robinson, executive secretary, Southern California State Dental Association.

JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSES THANKS FOR DENTAL BOOKS

Bearing a letter of gratitude from Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida of Japan, Dr. Isamu Tashiro, A.D.A. member, of Chicago, has recently returned from Tokyo where he presented 500 dental books and issues of The Journal of the American Dental Association and The Journal of Oral Surgery as a gift of the A.D.A. to the National Diet Library and seven Japanese dental schools. Included were sets of the Association's 18-volume edition of "Index to Dental Literature" which were presented as part of the A.D.A.-CARE program to provide dental books for war-depleted libraries of Europe and Asia. The letter from Premier Yoshida said in part: "'The Index to Dental Literature,' presented by the American Dental Association, has been gratefully received by the Japanese dental schools and the Diet Library. I beg you to convey my warm personal thanks to the American Dental Association." Dr. Stanley Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, has asked that contributions for this program be mailed to A.D.A.-CARE Book Fund, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

"An Introduction to Dental Applications of Atomic Energy" is the title of a 72-page booklet, containing papers presented at a session of the recently-organized atomic energy program committee of the First District Dental Society of the State of New York. The booklet may be obtained from Dr. Theodore Kaletsky, committee chairman, at 9033 153rd St., Jamaica 2, N.Y.Capt. Charles Jaslow, only dental surgeon in the U.S. Air Force who is a rated pilot, has joined the staff of the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Tex., to conduct research in the department of dentistry....Dr. Willard R. Bellinger, of Topeka, Kan., has been named state dental director of Kansas, succeeding the late Dr. Leon R. Kramer who was a longtime member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health....With the theme, "The voluntary way is the American Way," the American Medical Association will launch its \$1,110,000 advertising attack on compulsory health insurance the two weeks of Oct. 8-22. Ads will be run in every U.S. daily and weekly newspaper of general circulation and spot announcements will be used on a majority of U.S. radio stations....Named a research assistant in the A.D.A. Bureau of Chemistry last week was Mr. Rene J. Lacoste, of Woodside, N.Y., recent graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute....Mr. David M. Kinzer, who has been on the staff of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information for the past two years, resigned last week. Mr. Kinzer has enrolled for post-graduate study at the University of Stockholm....Fifteen mobile dental units have been purchased in the United States by the government of Colombia for use in rural areas of the South American country.