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Carl A. Laughlin

1971-1972

Doctor Laughlin, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, became the one-hundred-and-eighth president of the Association at the 1971 meeting in Atlantic City. The House of Delegates adopted an extensive set of guidelines for dentistry's position in a national health program.

Doctor Laughlin, an orthodontist, served six years as a member of the Board of Trustees and eight years as a member of the House of Delegates. He also served the Association as a member and chairman of the Council on Dental Education. Doctor Laughlin was president of the West Virginia Dental Association, the West Virginia Orthodontic Society, the West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners and the American Association of Dental Examiners. He was born in West Virginia in 1909.

President Nixon visited Peking in February 1972 to begin normalization of relations between the United States and China. President Nixon went to Moscow for a week of summit talks which culminated in a nuclear missile agreement. Five men were arrested while breaking into the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate building in Washington, D.C. The Supreme Court ruled that capital punishment was "cruel and unusual" punishment. The Senate ratified a strategic arms limitation treaty with the Soviet Union.