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SPEED PLANNING FOR USE OF HEALTH PERSONNEL IN NATIONAL EMERGENCY; REPORT SAN ANTONIO DENTIST IS SLATED FOR TOP POLICY APPOINTMENT

As registration of virtually all dentists, physicians and veterinarians under age 50 was completed by Selective Service on Jan. 15, the nation's top officials, both administrative and legislative, rapidly stepped up consideration of plans for the most effective use of health manpower in the current national emergency. The general trend seemed to be a growing awareness that civilian needs, including civil defense, must not be overlooked in amassing health personnel for the armed forces. The recent directive of the Department of Defense (See A.D.A. News Letter, Jan. 1, 1951) giving state and local advisory boards the power to determine the availability of dental and medical reserve officers for military duty and establishment of a new top medical policy agency in the defense department (see below) are evidences of increased civilian influence in the handling of the health manpower of the nation. Considerable attention was also being given to proposals that sufficient numbers of young men be deferred from military service to keep dental, medical and other professional schools operating at capacity. In his message to Congress and in a brief speech before last week's conference of state volunteer advisors to Selective Service, President Truman strongly urged the enactment of emergency legislation to increase the supply of health personnel. In today's budget message, President Truman urged direct federal aid to dental and medical schools as a means of increasing enrollments. Last week, seven Democratic senators jointly introduced a bill (S.337) proposing that \$25 million in federal funds be made available annually on a grants-in-aid basis for con-

A REMINDER. Just under one-third of the members of the A.D.A. have sent in contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund. Two out of each three dentists remain to be heard from. The Council on Relief urgently requests that those who have overlooked sending in their contributions do so as soon as possible. All contributions should be mailed to **A.D.A. RELIEF FUND**, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill. (See supplement for latest report on contributions by constituent societies.)

struction of buildings and the purchase of equipment for dental and medical schools. Similar bills were in preparation in the House of Representatives. Action on these bills is expected to be tied closely with the current debate between advocates of a system of universal military training and those who favor a broadening of the Selective Service act with a provision permitting students in professional and scientific pursuits to complete their training before being called into service.

NEW MEDICAL POLICY GROUP CREATED FOR ARMED FORCES

three civilian members of the new Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, recently established top health unit of the nation's military establishments. Washington sources also reported that two physicians, Dr. Isidor Ravdin, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Philip H. Loveless, of Phoenix, Ariz., are slated for appointment to the other two civilian posts. The new council, headed by

Dr. James A. Hollers, of San Antonio, Tex., periodontist and a member of the A.D.A., is reported to be slated for appointment later this week as one of the

Dr. Richard L. Meiling, former director of the Office of Medical Services, will take over functions of the O.M.S. and the now-defunct Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee which was headed by Mr. Charles P. Cooper, of New York. The council's membership will be limited to the chairman, the three civilian appointees, and the surgeons-general of the air force, army and navy. The new agency has been directed by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall to establish joint programs among the medical departments of the three services, to review medical phases of the defense budget, to promote standardization of technical activities and to deal with other agencies on health matters.

**ALL IN FIRST DRAFT PRIORITY
WILL BE CALLED UP BY JULY 1**

All dentists and physicians in the first draft priority (former government trainees or deferred students with less than 90 days active service) will be called

into service by July 1, the Department of Defense reiterated last week. Many of those in the second priority (ex-trainees or deferred students with more than 90 days but less than 21 months of active service) also may expect to be called up within the next six months. Defense officials said there are no plans for calling up dentists and physicians from among those in the third and fourth priorities who were required to register on Jan. 15. No new figures on the specific needs of the armed forces for dental officers are available. Testimony of Assistant Defense Secretary Anna M. Rosenberg before Congress that the armed forces will reach a total of 3,325,000 by July 1 indicates that the military establishments will require approximately 6,650 dental officers, about twice as many as are presently in active service. No word was forthcoming, however, when the actual draft of dentists would be ordered. Last week, two physicians were inducted as privates and then commissioned. Both were drafted because they were under 26 years of age and not under the special draft law enacted last fall.

**EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE REVIEWS PROBLEMS**

The over-all role of members of the dental profession during the national emergency was discussed in considerable detail today at a meeting of the Association's special Committee on National Emergency Dental Services, headed by Dr. Harold W.

Oppice, A.D.A. president. In addition to considering problems connected with the procurement of dental officers for the armed forces, the group discussed means of maintaining dental school enrollments at capacity and plans for dental participation in civil defense. Dr. R. H. Friedrich, chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services, was elected vice-chairman.

A.D.A. COUNCIL ON DENTAL TRADES TO DISCUSS SHORTAGES

Critical shortages of materials and supplies and rapidly rising costs of dental supplies will be considered at a meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations scheduled for Feb. 5 and 6 at the Central Office, with Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Pa., presiding. The professional relations committees of both the American Dental Trade Association and the Dental Manufacturers of America have been invited to the meeting. The same committees of the Dental Laboratory Institute of America and the American Dental Laboratory Association have also been asked to meet with the Council to discuss problems of mutual interest. To be considered will be the recent action of the Federal government in designating the U. S. Public Health Service as the claimant agency to decide on equitable ratios of dental materials, supplies and equipment for military and civilian needs.

COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES REVIVED BY TRUMAN

The issue of compulsory health insurance was revived by President Truman in both his State of the Union address and his budget message to Congress. "We need to fill important gaps in our social insurance system," he said in his budget message, "by providing protection on a prepaid basis against the costs of medical care..." This time, however, the President linked his domestic programs to rearmament on the ground they "contribute to national strength through protecting and improving the health, education and well-being of the individuals and families who make up the nation." Under the heading of social security, welfare and health, \$2,625,000,000 was earmarked out of the proposed \$71,594,000,000 "national security" budget. A total of \$275,000,000 was set up as the nucleus of a health insurance trust fund which would be obtained from a .25 per cent payroll tax.

A.D.A. RELIEF FUND DRIVE RECEIVES \$62,684 IN CONTRIBUTIONS; TENNESSEE IS THIRD CONSTITUENT SOCIETY TO EXCEED ITS QUOTA

Contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund reached a total of \$62,684.17 on Jan. 1, close to two-thirds of the \$100,000 goal established for the 1950-51 drive. The year-end total included individual contributions from 22,853 dentists or about one-third of the active members of the Association. Also included in the total were \$437.75 in contributions from dental students and \$66 sent in by affiliate or foreign members of the Association. The average contribution to date is \$2.75. During the second half of December, Tennessee dentists boosted their contributions to 126 per cent of their quota, making the Volunteer State the third in the nation to "go over the top" in the current fund drive. Tennessee now holds second place in per cent of quota contributed. Alabama soared to first place with total contributions of 165 per cent of quota. North Dakota was third with 124 per cent of its quota already contributed. Over the 90 per cent mark were Alaska, Nebraska and New Mexico. With more than two-thirds of Association members yet to be heard from, Council on Relief officials were confident that the current drive would reach the \$100,000 goal. The Council on Relief announced that reminders would be mailed in late January to those who had not yet responded to the appeal. Contributions to Jan. 1 follow:

	TO JAN. 1				TO JAN. 1		
	1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Affiliate		\$ 66.00		Nebraska	\$ 1130.00	\$ 1108.70	98.1
Air Force	\$ 480.00	169.50	35.3	Nevada	90.00	90.50	100.6
Alaska	40.00	36.00	90.0	New Hampshire	290.00	198.00	68.3
Alabama	780.00	1288.00	165.1	New Jersey	4220.00	2996.25	71.0
Arizona	280.00	150.50	53.8	New Mexico	200.00	187.00	93.5
Arkansas	480.00	424.00	88.3	New York	15590.00	7266.15	46.6
Army	490.00	254.50	51.9	North Carolina	1220.00	861.50	70.6
California	3670.00	2461.50	67.1	North Dakota	330.00	410.55	124.4
Colorado	890.00	328.00	36.9	Ohio	4890.00	2916.58	59.6
Connecticut	1920.00	1371.50	71.4	Oklahoma	910.00	551.65	60.6
Delaware	160.00	88.00	55.0	Oregon	1170.00	955.50	81.7
Dist. of Col.	810.00	689.00	85.1	Panama C. Z.	30.00	19.00	63.3
Florida	1200.00	868.50	72.4	Pennsylvania	7140.00	4107.15	57.5
Georgia	990.00	870.50	87.9	P. H. Service	250.00	113.00	45.2
Hawaii	370.00	328.00	88.6	Puerto Rico	270.00	96.00	35.6
Idaho	270.00	188.50	69.8	Rhode Island	530.00	228.00	43.0
Illinois	7570.00	5070.94	67.0	South Carolina	440.00	176.00	40.0
Indiana	2220.00	1532.50	69.0	South Dakota	350.00	205.50	58.7
Iowa	1800.00	1243.35	69.1	So. Calif.	4420.00	2553.75	57.8
Kansas	1040.00	660.80	63.5	Tennessee	1150.00	1450.00	126.1
Kentucky	1070.00	601.50	56.2	Texas	3100.00	1587.65	51.2
Louisiana	990.00	442.00	44.6	Unorganized		5.00	
Maine	460.00	230.70	50.2	Utah	490.00	102.50	20.9
Maryland	1040.00	727.50	70.0	Vermont	190.00	93.50	49.2
Massachusetts	3720.00	2107.65	56.7	Vet. Admin.	1040.00	284.00	27.3
Michigan	3830.00	2437.00	63.6	Virginia	1150.00	800.00	69.6
Minnesota	2990.00	1998.30	66.8	Washington	1670.00	1416.50	84.8
Mississippi	530.00	320.60	60.5	West Virginia	740.00	422.00	57.0
Missouri	2620.00	1858.50	70.9	Wisconsin	2890.00	1494.00	51.7
Montana	350.00	284.65	81.3	Wyoming	170.00	101.00	59.4
Navy	880.00	351.50	39.9	Students		437.75	
TOTALS					\$100,000.00	\$62,684.17	62.7

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY TO HOLD 86TH MIDWINTER MEETING

Senator Dirksen (R., Ill.) who recently defeated Senator Lucas, Democratic majority leader, will share the platform with Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president, at the opening general session of the 86th midwinter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society, to be held Feb. 5-8 at the Stevens Hotel. The four-day meeting will include 44 limited attendance clinics in 11 sections, 39 essayist programs, 11 general clinics, 13 scientific exhibits, motion pictures, health and educational exhibits and special question and answer sessions. A feature of the program will be a symposium on the airbrasive technic, headed by its inventor, Dr. Robert B. Black, of Corpus Christi, Tex. Another highlight will be the presentation of a \$500 award on behalf of the society by Dr. Arno L. Brett, president, for a prize essay, "Evaluation of Caries Producing Potentialities of Various Foodstuffs," to Drs. Basil G. Bibby, Hyman J. V. Goldberg and Eugene Chen, all of the Eastman Dental Clinic, Rochester, N.Y. The general chairman is Dr. Werner J. Gresens and the program chairman is Dr. Gustav W. Solfronk.

TWO CONVICTED IN MAIL DENTURE FRAUD

A dental technician and a drug store manager at Little Rock, Ark., have been convicted of using the mails to defraud and of practicing dentistry without a license by the federal District court in Little Rock. Mr. E. L. Olds and his nephew Mr. Lawrence N. Robinson were fined \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, and ordered by the court to make refunds promptly to all dissatisfied customers to whom they sent dentures in Texas, Alabama and Illinois. The action was brought by the U.S. Post Office which cited advertising claims that the dentures were made under an "amazing new and scientific process" guaranteed to save the purchaser money. The firm name of American Dental Co. was used. The defendants were also charged with fraudulently selling an "amazing new discovery, a wonder-working drug to be classified with sulfa and penicillin." Postal inspectors charged that the chief ingredient of the drug was aspirin. It was marketed under the name of BeCal.

ANESTHESIOLOGISTS VOTE TO BAR DENTISTS FROM MEMBERSHIP

The American Society of Anesthesiologists, according to its January News Letter, has adopted a new policy under which no additional members of the dental profession will be admitted to membership in the organization. The new rule, approved by the A.S.A. House of Delegates, does not affect dentists who are already members of the society. Previously, dentists had been accepted as associate members.

XITH INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS TO BE HELD JULY 19-26, 1952

The official dates for the XIth International Dental Congress, sponsored by the Federation Dentaire Internationale, have been announced as July 19 to July 26, 1952, by Mr. C. de Vere Green, of London, program and publicity chairman. The scene of the Congress will be London's new Royal Festival Hall on the Thames River. Application blanks for membership in the Congress or for travel accommodations can be obtained from the Secretary-General, XIth International Dental Congress, 13 Hill St., London, W.1, England. Meanwhile, it was announced that the annual subscription price for the International Dental Journal, new quarterly published by the F.D.I., is \$8.50 a year rather than \$5.60 reported in a previous issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. For members of the F.D.I. the subscription price is \$7.65 a year. Subscription orders should be sent to British Publications, Inc., 150 E. 35th St., New York 16, N.Y.

MEMBERSHIP REACHES HIGH OF 77,099; UP 27,000 IN DECADE

Total membership reached a record-breaking high of 77,099 on Dec. 31, 1950, a gain of 1,496 over 1949. The 1950 membership total was an increase of 18,385 over 1945 and an increase of 27,368 from 10 years ago. Active members by the end of 1950 totaled 65,649, an increase of 130 over 1949. Student members showed the greatest gain with a total of 8,450 for 1950 as compared with 7,205 for 1949. The total figure for 1950 also included 2,733 life members, 258 affiliate members, six honorary members and three associate members.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 30-FEB. 1

Forty-seven table clinics, 18 registered clinics, eight topic discussions and 20 motion pictures will make up the scientific side of the program at the Greater Philadelphia annual meeting of the Philadelphia County Dental Society from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Dr. Lawrence E. Hess, president, will officiate at a dinner and entertainment Jan. 31 at which the principal speaker will be Rep. Judd (R., Minn.) Greetings will be extended by Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, Association president. A special feature of the meeting will be a child dental health symposium on the subject, "Caries Prevention - Just Where Do We Stand?" Participating will be Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D.C., chief of the dental public health section of the U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. David B. Ast, of Albany, N.Y., state dental director, and Dr. Elizabeth Kirk Rose, chief of the Philadelphia child hygiene division. The annual meeting committee is headed by Dr. Paul R. Schock.

ADM. BOONE REPLACES DR. MAGNUSON AS V.A. MEDICAL CHIEF

Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, chief medical director of the Veterans Administration, is scheduled to be replaced by Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone, retired naval officer and onetime White House physician to Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. First word of Dr. Magnuson's departure from the V. A. came Sunday (Jan. 14) when V. A. Administrator Carl R. Gray Jr. announced that Adm. Boone had accepted the appointment as Dr. Magnuson's successor and added that Dr. Magnuson's "previously presented resignation" had been accepted. Dr. Magnuson was quoted as saying, "I didn't resign. I was fired. The administrator and I couldn't agree on the policy of organizing the Veterans Administration." Dr. Magnuson joined the V. A. in 1945 at the request of the former V. A. chief, Gen. Omar Bradley, for help in reorganizing the medical department. Adm. Boone, 61, until last February was chief of the joint plans and action division of the Office of Medical Services of the Department of Defense.

"VIVIBX" MAKERS FOUND GUILTY OF "FALSE AND MISLEADING" CLAIMS

The International Pharmaceutical Co., of Chicago, and its president, Mr. Frederick Herrschner, makers of vitamin products known as ViViBx, were recently fined \$1,000 in an action brought by the Food and Drug Administration in the federal District court in Chicago. The company was cited for "false and misleading" statements which said the vitamin tablets would be effective in treatment of dental caries and glossitis, in formation and preservation of tooth enamel, in prevention of tooth decay, gingivitis, pyorrhea and gum infections and would counteract nutritional oral and tooth deficiencies. The statements accompanied price lists. The defendants entered pleas of no defense. The court ruled that "the articles would not be efficacious for the purposes represented and suggested."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. William H. Hahn, of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland, and member of the Committee on Aptitude Testing of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, has been named the Association's representative on a special advisory committee to the U. S. War Claims Commission....The Korean fighting claimed its first dental fatality recently with the death of Maj. Marvin W. Carius, of Morton, Ill., A.D.A. member. Maj. Carius was cited in Stars and Stripes for bringing dental treatment to men in the front lines with an army truck converted into a dental office and laboratory. He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division....The International Association for Dental Research will hold its annual meeting at French Lick Springs, Ind., March 17-19 and the American Association of Dental Schools will meet at the same place March 19-21....The 1951 A.D.A. catalog of dental health education material and other Association publications is now available and can be obtained on request from the Central Office....Perfection of a new synthetic narcotic, methadone, to replace morphine was announced last week by the office of the Army surgeon-general on the basis of field tests in Korea....Nearly 39,400,000 persons were enrolled in voluntary Blue Cross hospital plans on Sept. 30, an increase of 3,500,000 over the year before....New filing cases for The A.D.A. Journal, holding 12 issues, are available from the Central Office for 75 cents a set.