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Sterling V. Mead

Sterling Vernon Mead

1946–1947

Doctor Mead, of Washington, D.C., became the eighty-third president of the Association at the 1946 meeting in Miami. A 1945 meeting of the House of Delegates in Omaha had been scheduled but was cancelled because of the war.

Doctor Mead, an oral surgeon, served as president of the District of Columbia Dental Society in 1929. He was a professor of oral surgery at Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He founded the Mead Dental Hospital which operated in Washington from 1959 to 1966. Doctor Mead was the author of three textbooks: *Oral Surgery*, *Diseases of the Mouth* and *Anesthesia in Dental Surgery*. He was born in Kansas in 1888 and died in 1973.

Responding to President Truman's request in March 1947, Congress appropriated \$400 million for aid to Greece and Turkey to combat communist terrorism. Under the Marshall Plan, as developed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Congress authorized the spending of some \$12 billion to assist in restoring economic health and resisting communism in European nations. The Taft-Hartley Labor Act was approved over President Truman's veto.