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Harold H. Oppies

Harold Whinery Oppice

1950-1951

Doctor Oppice, of Chicago, became the eighty-seventh president of the Association at the 1950 meeting in Atlantic City. In 1951, a delegation of five members, including Doctor Oppice, participated in the American Dental Association "Mission to Japan" and made suggestions for the improvement of Japanese dentistry.

Doctor Oppice, a general practitioner, taught at Loyola University School of Dentistry for 27 years. He served the Association for many years as a delegate and a trustee. He was president of the Chicago Dental Society in 1944 and served as editor of the *Illinois State Dental Journal*. Doctor Oppice was a clinician and lecturer at many dental societies and contributed substantially to dental literature. He was born in 1895 and died in 1976.

The United Nations forces launched a general offensive against the North Koreans in the fall of 1950 in an attempt to end the war quickly, but were frustrated by the entry of Communist China into the war. The United Nations General Assembly named Communist China the aggressor in Korea. President Truman removed General MacArthur from command in Korea for failure to follow orders. Cease fire and armistice talks began in July 1951. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were found guilty of conspiracy to commit wartime espionage and were sentenced to death. Two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement attempted to kill President Truman.