

American Dental Association

**ADACommons**

---

[ADA News Letter](#)

[ADA Publications](#)

---

8-15-1951

## ADA News Letter - 08/15/1951

American Dental Association

Follow this and additional works at: <https://commons.ada.org/adanewsletter>



Part of the [Dentistry Commons](#), [History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Commons](#), and the [Nonprofit Administration and Management Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

American Dental Association, "ADA News Letter - 08/15/1951" (1951). *ADA News Letter*. 88.  
<https://commons.ada.org/adanewsletter/88>

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the ADA Publications at ADACommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in ADA News Letter by an authorized administrator of ADACommons. For more information, please contact [commons@ada.org](mailto:commons@ada.org).

The logo features the letters 'ada' in a lowercase, sans-serif font, enclosed within a circle. To the right of this circle, the words 'News Letter' are written in a large, elegant, cursive script. A horizontal dotted line runs across the page, passing behind the 'ada' circle and the 'News Letter' text.

ada News Letter

Vol. 4, No. 17, - August 15, 1951

**COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH ANSWERS CONTENTION OF CHURCH GROUP THAT FLUORIDATION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES IS MEDICATION**

Fluoridation of domestic water supplies as a caries control measure is "no more a medication than is the action of nature which furnishes fluorides in many water supplies and foods," Dr. Allen O. Gruebbel, secretary of the Council on Dental Health, declared in answer to recent objections to fluoridation advanced by spokesmen for the Christian Science church. Earlier, a statement issued through the Christian Science Committee on Publication for the State of New Jersey had pointed out that it has been a "long-established policy" of the church to refrain from protesting injection of sanitary or cleansing agents into the water supply. The church spokesman, however, said that in view of statements by some physicians that fluoridation of water is regarded by them as medication, "the church has registered a protest on the grounds that such a program, in effect, establishes state medicine." Dr. Gruebbel, in reply, noted that thorough investigations have shown that caries is significantly less prevalent in persons who, since birth, have consumed drinking water containing fluoride. Pointing out that there is no evidence that harmful effects will occur to the general physical health when the fluoride concentration is maintained at one part per million parts of water, he declared:

More than two million people in the United States have used water containing one or more parts per million of fluorine for many years. The addition of fluorides to water supplies is not a medication process since the purpose of fluoridation is to add the element only to those water supplies that are deficient in this substance. Fluorides are present from natural sources in more than 6,000 public water supplies in this country. Fluorides are also present in many foods we eat. Therefore the controlled addition of fluorides to water that is deficient in this element is no more a medication that is the action of nature which furnishes fluorides in many water supplies and foods.

**A.D.A. DENTAL MISSION TO JAPAN COMPLETES 40-DAY TOUR**

Dentistry in Japan is far below American standards, members of a U. S. dental mission reported upon their return August 7 from a month long inspection tour of Japanese dental installations. The mission, headed by Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, Association president, went to Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Dental Association and the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. In general, Dr. Oppice said, dental practice in Japan is more than a quarter of a century behind that in the United States. Japanese dentists, however, demonstrated an intense desire to improve dental practice in their nation, Dr. Oppice said. A detailed report of the mission's findings has been prepared for SCAP and the A.D.A. Board of Trustees. In addition to Dr. Oppice, members of the mission were Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, president-elect; Dr. R. C. Dalglish, of Salt Lake City, A.D.A. trustee; Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the Council on International Relations, and Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D. C., A.D.A. research associate at the National Bureau of Standards. In all, the mission was absent from the continental United States 40 days. Enroute to Japan, the A.D.A.

officials met with members of the Alaska Territorial Dental Society at Anchorage and with members of the Hawaii Territorial Dental Society at Honolulu. During the trip, the mission traveled more than 20,000 miles by air.

#### **A.D.A. REPRESENTATIVES TO TESTIFY BEFORE U. M. T. COMMISSION**

Dr. R. H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services, will head a group of A.D.A. representatives scheduled to meet with the National Security Training Commission at Washington, D. C., tomorrow (Aug. 16) to discuss dental health and related problems regarding Universal Military Training. The Commission is now engaged in preparation of a plan for the operation of U. M. T. which is to be submitted to the Congress by the end of November. Provision for health care of the estimated 1,000,000 18-year-olds who would become subject to military training each year should U. M. T. be placed in operation is a major factor under consideration by the Commission. Accompanying Dr. Friedrich will be Mr. Herbert B. Bain, director, Bureau of Public Information, and Mr. Bernard J. Conway, legislative assistant, Council on Legislation. Today (Aug. 15), A.D.A. officials met informally with representatives of the American Medical Association at A.D.A. headquarters to discuss common health problems relating to U. M. T. Participants included former A. M. A. President Roscoe Sensenich, of South Bend, Ind., member, and Mr. C. Joseph Stetler, of Chicago secretary of the Council on Emergency Medical Service; Dr. Stockton Kimball, of Buffalo, N. Y., chairman, and Dr. Francis Manlove, of Chicago, member of the joint committee on medical education in time of national emergency; Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president; Dr. Friedrich; Dr. Gerald Timmons, of Philadelphia, dean, Temple University Dental School; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, and Mr. Francis J. Garvey, secretary, A.D.A. Council on Legislation.

#### **NAVY SEEKS 189 VOLUNTEERS FROM PRIORITY ONE DENTISTS**

The Navy announced last week that it has openings for 189 volunteers for immediate active duty from among the pool of dentists in priority one under the dentist-physician draft act. Previously, the Navy had refused to commission priority one dentists who had been enrolled in the A.S.T.P. Those accepted will be commissioned lieutenants (junior grade) and will be required to serve for two years. Both the Army and the Air Force are continuing to grant reserve commissions to volunteers from priority one. The armed forces reported this week that there had been an increase in the number of priority one physicians who were accepting commissions voluntarily and that its August call for 333 physicians has been temporarily delayed. During July, when the armed forces called up 717 priority one physicians only two refused to volunteer and were drafted as privates. Subsequently, they were offered commissions but they are not eligible for the \$100 a month salary bonus paid to volunteers.

#### **U. S. DENTISTS INVITED TO SHOW FILMS AT INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS**

American dentists who would be interested in presenting films as part of the scientific program at the 11th International Dental Congress in London next summer are invited to communicate immediately with Dr. George Loader, of London, secretary of the Oral Hygiene Commission for the Congress. Dr. Loader's address is 17 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1. The Congress, sponsored by the Federation Dentaire Internationale, will be held July 19-26 at the new Royal Festival Hall on the Thames River. The scientific side of the program, in addition to the films, will include discussions of scientific reports and exhibits and demonstrations by dental authorities from all parts of the world. Television of surgical procedures is also planned. Application for membership in the Congress and information about travel and hotel accommodations can be obtained from Mr. H. Parker Buchanan, secretary-general of the Congress, at headquarters of the Organizing Committee. The address is 13 Hill Street, London, W. 1. The membership fee is \$7 for F.D.I. members of at least two-years' standing and \$14 for non-members. Membership chairman for the F.D.I. in the United States is Dr. Oren A. Oliver, 1101 Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tenn. Individual memberships in the F.D.I. are now available to American dentists and may be obtained on application to Dr. Oliver. F.D.I. dues are \$5 a year.

## U.S.P.H. AWARDS \$179,878 IN DENTAL RESEARCH GRANTS

The U. S. Public Health Service has awarded \$179,878 in grants for 25 dental research projects at 19 universities and hospitals. Investigations being financed include the effect on prenatal infants of fluorides administered to the mother during pregnancy; fluoridation of communal water supplies; malocclusion and heredity; calcification, and periodontia. The recipients of the grants are: College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco; University of Colorado, Denver; Universities of Chicago, Illinois and Northwestern, Chicago; Harvard and Tufts Colleges, Boston; Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.; Michigan State College, East Lansing; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Passaic General Hospital, Passaic, N. J.; Columbia University, New York University and Montefiore Hospital, New York City; Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N. Y.; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and Marquette University, Milwaukee.

### \$72,657 IN CANCER GRANTS MADE TO 16 DENTAL SCHOOLS

A total of 16 dental schools was included in the latest grants awarded by the National Cancer Institute for instruction in cancer diagnosis and treatment. The grants totaled \$72,657. Most of the awards were \$5,000. The schools and the directors of the cancer grant programs are: University of California, Dr. Hermann Becks; University of Louisville, Dr. Dan Y. Burrill; Northwestern University, Dr. Frederick W. Merrifield; Indiana University, Dr. Maynard K. Hine; University of Maryland, Dr. M. S. Aisenberg; University of Detroit, Dr. Bert E. Rynearson; University of Michigan, Dr. Donald A. Kerr; University of Minnesota, Dr. David F. Mitchell; St. Louis University, Dr. William H. Bauer; University of Kansas City, Dr. A. E. Upsher; Creighton University, Dr. Joseph A. Gibilisco; University of Nebraska, Dr. Donald T. Waggener; University of Buffalo; Western Reserve University, Dr. Thomas J. Hill; University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Paul E. Boyle, and School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, Dr. George Z. Williams.

Choice hotel accommodations are still available for the A.D.A.'s 92nd annual session at Washington, D. C., Oct. 15 through 18. If you haven't already made your reservation, fill out the blank on page A-51 of your August issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association and mail it today to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 204 Star Building, Washington 4, D. C. Accompanying this issue of the News Letter is a new folder published by The Greater National Capital Committee. This folder provides general information on many points of interest in Washington and contains a detailed map of the city. Save this folder and bring it with you to Washington.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF COMPONENT SOCIETIES TO MEET SEPT. 15-16

Public relations will be the theme of the sixth annual meeting of the Association of Dental Executive Secretaries to be held Sept. 15-16 at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, N. Y. Speakers will include Mr. Paul H. McMullen, executive secretary of the Cincinnati Dental Society; Mr. Karl S. Richardson, executive secretary of the Chicago Dental Society, and Mr. Herbert B. Bain, of Chicago, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information.

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION REACHES 74,154

Total membership in the American Dental Association reached 74,154 on July 31. The number of fully privileged members was 64,826, a drop of 1,553 as compared with July 31, 1950. Student membership increased to an all-time high of 9,087, a gain of 646 over last year's corresponding date. The total figure included 229 affiliate, six associate and six honorary members.

## **MOVIE SHOWS ACTIONS OF INTRA-ORAL ORGANS**

For the first time in history, a motion picture, in color, has been made of the movement of intra-oral organs during chewing, drinking, swallowing, yawning, coughing, smoking and speaking. The 25-minute, 16 mm., sound film was produced under the supervision of the Veterans Administration dental service at Chamblee, Ga., hospital. The subject is a young war veteran whose left maxilla and mandible have been practically eliminated by the surgical arrest of cancer. Through this large cavity, the camera's lens have vividly recorded intra-oral movements. The film, entitled, "Intra-Oral and Pharyngeal Structures," is available on a loan basis from the Veterans Administration Central Office Film Library, Department of Agriculture, Office of Information, Motion Picture Service, Court 5 South Building, Washington 25, D. C. By late fall, prints may be purchased from United World Films, Inc., 1445 Park Avenue, New York 29, N. Y.

## **PTA VOTES BAN ON SALE OF CANDY AND CARBONATED DRINKS IN SCHOOLS**

The sale of candy and carbonated beverages should be banned in all of the nation's schools, according to a resolution adopted by the Congress of Parents and Teachers at its recent annual meeting in Chicago. In a statement similar to the one adopted by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health last November, the society warned that the sale of these products interfered with a good diet and the formation of sound food habits. In a similar recommendation, the council on foods and nutrition of the American Medical Association has also suggested the establishment of a zone around schools where the sale of candy and carbonated drinks would be prohibited.

## **DENTAL HEALTH DIVISION IS MADE BASIC PART OF MONTANA HEALTH PROGRAM**

Montana is believed to be the first state to include dental health services as a basic function of its state health department, it is reported by Dr. Francis I. Livingston, of Helena, director of the Division of Dental Health of the Montana State Board of Health. Under a recently enacted law, dental health services are listed as one of seven basic areas of activity for the Montana health department. In most states, only six major functions are established by law for health departments. These are: health education, vital statistics, communicable disease control, environmental sanitation, public health laboratory services and maternal and child health services. The Montana law also requires that local public health units must have programs in dental health services as well as the traditional six functions to be eligible for state aid.

## **BRIEFS IN THE NEWS**

Two bills supported by the Connecticut State Dental Association have been enacted by the state legislature. One authorizes the State Dental Commission to obtain an injunction against persons who violate the state dental practice act and the other provides penalties for licensed persons who aid or abet any individual in violation of the dental practice act....Dr. Ralph C. Cooley, of Leander, Tex., will represent the A.D.A. at the first national congress of the Mexican Dental Association to be held Sept. 24-30 at Mexico City. The meeting will also mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of the National University of Mexico....Openings are available for four dentists and a dental hygienist at the Los Alamos (N. Mex.) Medical Center, according to Dr. Raymond W. Greene, of the center's dental department. Interested individuals are asked to communicate with Dr. Greene....Representatives of dental laboratories from all provinces in Canada have formed a national organization called the National Association of Dental Technicians of Canada....Of 875 Nashville, Tenn., school children examined during a recent dental health survey, only one-third had received dental treatment in the past six months, while 23.7 per cent had never been to a dentist....President Truman has signed a bill making it compulsory for cases of cancer in the District of Columbia to be reported to the District health officer....The Central Office of the Oklahoma State Dental Association has been moved to larger quarters in Oklahoma City. The new address is 204 Plaza Court Bldg....The name of the Arizona State Dental Society has been changed to the Arizona State Dental Association with executive offices at 17 E. Weldon, Phoenix.