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Fritz Arthur Pierson

1964-1965

Doctor Pierson, of Lincoln, Nebraska, became the one-hundred-and-first president of the Association at the 1964 meeting in San Francisco. This was a joint meeting with the Fédération Dentaire Internationale and its theme was "International Cooperation for Better Dental Health."

Doctor Pierson was a private practitioner and a professor of dental medicine at the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. He was a member of the House of Delegates from 1930 to 1957 and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1957 to 1963. For many years Doctor Pierson was secretary of the Nebraska Dental Association, which he also served as president. He was president of the American College of Dentists in 1953. He was born in Nebraska in 1896 and died in 1978.

In March 1965, a civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in protest against voter registration rules, was led by Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. In the Watts area of Los Angeles, a riot by discontented blacks left 35 persons dead. American armed forces were sent to the Dominican Republic to protect American citizens and prevent a revolution.