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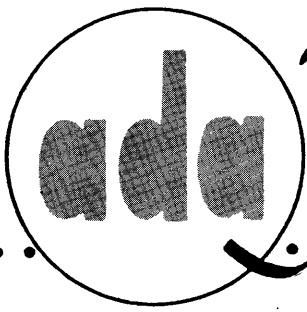


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORDERS DRAFT OF 335 DENTISTS FOR APRIL -- ALL PRIORITY I AND II REGISTRANTS FACE CALL FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

For the first time since the outbreak of the Korean war, the Department of Defense this week announced a draft call for dentists. The department said Selective Service will be asked to induct 335 dentists in April, including 85 for the Army, 200 for the Navy and 50 for the Air Force. The call covers Priority I dentists. Since the special draft law was enacted in October, 1950, all quotas for dental officers have been met by volunteers. Defense Department spokesmen said applications for commissions will be accepted up to the date induction orders are received. The call was seen as an effort to force all qualified Priority I and II registrants to accept active military duty. Those who do not apply for commissions will be inducted as privates, defense officials said. At present, there are 629 dentists in Priority I and 141 dentists in Priority II who have not applied for reserve commissions or entered active service. As of Jan. 1, a total of 2,296 other dentists who registered in Priority I had volunteered for commissions in the armed forces. According to Selective Service, the Priority I registrants, by states, who have not yet applied for commissions are as follows: Arkansas, 7; California, 54; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 9; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 7; Georgia, 3; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 28; Indiana, 16; Iowa, 6; Kentucky, 8; Louisiana, 2; Maryland, 6; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 28; Minnesota, 18; Missouri, 10; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 3; Nevada, 3; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 37; New Mexico, 1; New York, 190; North Carolina, 4; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 40; Oregon, 14; Pennsylvania, 27; Rhode Island, 5; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 4; Utah, 6; Virginia, 6; Washington, 19; West Virginia, 7; Wisconsin, 18; Hawaii, 2, and Puerto Rico, 8.

A.D.A. TO TESTIFY ON GRANTS FOR FLUORIDATION AND DENTAL INSTITUTE

Testimony urging approval of a proposed appropriation to provide technical assistance for fluoridation of public water supplies will be presented to the House Appropriations Committee next Tuesday (Feb. 19) by the A.D.A. The proposed budget for the dental division of the U. S. Public Health Service includes \$250,000 earmarked for grants-in-aid to states for technical assistance in carrying out fluoridation in local communities. The A.D.A. testimony will be presented by Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, chairman of the Council on Legislation. The Association will also urge appropriations for construction of a separate building for the National Institute of Dental Research at Bethesda, Md. Of the \$2 million originally authorized for the structure, only \$100,000 has been appropriated. Another member of the Council on Legislation appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee Monday (Feb. 11) to give the Association's views on dental care under Universal Military Training. Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., gave testimony similar to that presented by the A.D.A. before the House Armed Services Committee on Jan. 29 (see A.D.A. News Letter, Feb. 1, 1952). Dr. Earnest urged that the U.M.T. bill provide for limited dental care for trainees, for restriction of post-service dental care to disorders incurred during training and for deferments of pre-dental and dental students after initial U.M.T. training. Dr. Earnest was accompanied by Mr. Francis J. Garvey, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Legislation. The bill is scheduled to reach the Senate floor Feb. 21. It has already been approved by the House committee but not yet reported out to the House. Another bill of interest to dentistry, which would provide dental care for dependents of men in the Coast Guard, was introduced in the house by Rep. Bonner (D., N.C.). The measure (H.R. 6212) was referred to the Committee on Merchant

Marine and Fisheries. The A.D.A. House of Delegates last fall adopted a resolution urging the armed forces to discontinue the policy of permitting dental officers to provide free dental treatment for dependents of military personnel. In another legislative action, two companion bills setting up a uniform policy for women dentists and physicians in the Army, Navy and Air Force were submitted to the House and Senate at the request of the Department of Defense. The bills (H.R. 6288 and S.2552) were presented by Rep. Durham (D., N.C.) and Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.).

INTER-ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE URGES FLUORIDATION "AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE"

Fluoridation of public water supplies was urged last week by the Inter-Association Committee on Health, made up of the nation's leading health and welfare agencies. In a statement unanimously approved by the six member organizations, including the A.D.A. and the American Medical Association, the procedure was urged for communities "as rapidly as plans can be approved by the local medical, dental and health department officials and the state departments of health." Pointing out that the beneficial effects of the measure are obtained only after several years, the statement said: "Every year that fluoridation is postponed, many thousands of children are deprived of the dental benefits which they might otherwise have obtained." The statement added: "In order that this effective, inexpensive and safe public health measure may be adopted by additional communities as rapidly as possible, fluoridation must receive the continuing and active support of all professional, civic and official organizations concerned with the health and welfare of the public." In addition to the A.D.A. and the A.M.A., the Inter-Association Committee includes the American Hospital Association, American Nurses' Association, American Public Health Association and American Public Welfare Association. Meanwhile, testimony in favor of the procedure was presented to a special committee of the House of Representatives Wednesday (Feb. 13). Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, chief dental officer of the U. S. Public Health Service, told congressmen it is perfectly safe to add fluoride to drinking water to help reduce tooth decay. The committee is investigating possible harmful effects of the addition of chemicals to food and drink.

BRITISH MISSION TO SURVEY PROCEDURE IN UNITED STATES

Dr. H. H. Stones, editor of the International Dental Journal and dean of the faculty at the University of Liverpool, England, will accom-

pany a British mission to arrive in the United States Monday (Feb. 18) for a month's survey of fluoridation procedures. The mission will make recommendations on adoption of the program to the ministry of health on its return. The group will spend five days at the A.D.A. Central Office, beginning March 13. Other members of the mission are Dr. A. P. Meiklejohn of the department of medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Dr. A. Key, senior chemical inspector at the ministry of health, and Dr. J. R. Forrest, staff dentist at the ministry of health.

COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION TO INSPECT SCHOOLS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Inspections of schools for dental hygienists will begin in mid-February, Dr. Eugene R. Westcott, of Atlantic City, N. J., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, announced at the council's meeting in the Central Office Jan. 31-Feb. 1. All but one of the 26 schools of dental hygiene had requested council inspection at the time of the meeting, Dr. Westcott reported. Inspection and accreditation are expected to be completed this year. The council also announced the approval of seven new internships and three new residency educational programs in hospitals, bringing the total for the nation to 106. A brochure, compiled in cooperation with the Council on Hospital Dental Services and listing requirements of internships and residencies and of hospital dental departments, will be published next month, Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, council secretary announced. He also reported that results of the financial survey of dental schools (see A.D.A. News Letter, Feb. 1, 1951) will be published following the council's May meeting and that the curriculum survey, in connection with the accreditation program, is expected to begin later this year. On the day following the meeting (Feb. 2), nearly 200 educators and examiners met in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago for the council-sponsored Congress on Dental Education and Licensure. Possible revisions in dental text books and licensure examinations were studied during the day-long meeting.

ONLY \$17,000 NEEDED TO REACH GOAL IN RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN --
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$82,974 -- 15 SOCIETIES TOP QUOTAS

Three new states, Indiana, Maryland and Oregon, exceeded their quotas in the 1951-52 Relief Fund campaign as total contributions reached \$82,974.88 on Jan. 31. Fifteen states have now oversubscribed their quotas in the \$100,000 drive. More than half of the A.D.A. members have not yet mailed in their contributions to the fund, Dr. Leo W. Kramer, of Chicago, chairman of the Council on Relief, reported. "Most of these dentists have simply forgotten to send in their donations," Dr. Kramer said. "So the council is again asking all state society editors and officers to remind their members of the urgency and importance of the campaign. Only a little more than \$17,000 is needed and we will reach our goal for the first time in the history of the fund." Additional states which have exceeded their quotas include Alabama, Alaska, Southern California, Hawaii, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, and Wyoming. Contributions by constituent societies follow:

TO JAN. 31				TO JAN. 31			
	1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Air Force	\$ 460.00	\$ 408.50	88.8	Navy	\$ 850.00	\$ 402.50	47.4
Alabama	740.00	1559.00	210.7	Nebraska	1100.00	1117.58	101.6
Alaska	40.00	80.00	200.0	Nevada	90.00	74.50	82.8
Arizona	260.00	128.00	49.2	New Hampshire	300.00	290.00	96.7
Arkansas	480.00	462.50	96.4	New Jersey	4110.00	3730.50	90.8
Army	480.00	341.50	71.1	New Mexico	200.00	202.50	101.3
California	3540.00	3119.50	88.1	New York	15620.00	8822.50	56.5
California, So.	4340.00	6819.00	157.1	No. Carolina	1250.00	954.00	76.3
Colorado	940.00	692.50	73.7	North Dakota	330.00	499.00	151.2
Connecticut	1910.00	1672.50	87.6	Ohio	4940.00	4024.90	81.5
Delaware	150.00	146.00	97.3	Oklahoma	880.00	1150.00	130.7
Dist. of Col.	840.00	752.50	89.6	Oregon	1170.00	1232.50	105.3
Florida	1180.00	1132.50	96.0	Panama C. Z.	20.00	7.00	35.0
Georgia	1020.00	1018.09	99.8	Pennsylvania	7190.00	5015.08	69.8
Hawaii	350.00	373.00	106.6	P. H. Service	240.00	133.50	55.6
Idaho	260.00	259.00	99.6	Puerto Rico	280.00	85.00	30.4
Illinois	7750.00	6746.00	87.0	Rhode Island	550.00	471.00	85.6
Indiana	2280.00	2319.50	101.7	So. Carolina	430.00	243.50	56.6
Iowa	1900.00	1526.65	80.4	South Dakota	340.00	221.00	65.0
Kansas	1060.00	825.30	77.9	Tennessee	1110.00	1199.25	108.0
Kentucky	1060.00	660.50	62.3	Texas	3010.00	1965.60	65.3
Louisiana	1010.00	728.25	72.1	Utah	480.00	198.00	41.3
Maine	450.00	332.50	73.9	Vermont	190.00	123.00	64.7
Maryland	1010.00	1049.00	103.9	Vet. Admin.	990.00	373.00	37.7
Massachusetts	3780.00	3101.00	82.0	Virginia	1120.00	873.50	78.0
Michigan	3900.00	3174.65	81.4	Washington	1690.00	1836.00	108.6
Minnesota	2970.00	2566.33	86.4	West Virginia	770.00	675.00	87.7
Mississippi	530.00	398.60	75.2	Wisconsin	2990.00	2037.50	68.1
Missouri	2550.00	2048.85	80.3	Wyoming	160.00	195.00	121.9
Montana	360.00	378.15	105.0	Miscellaneous		23.00	
Totals				\$ 100,000.00	\$ 82,974.88	83.0	

BRITAIN ORDERS NEW CUTS IN GOVERNMENT'S "FREE" HEALTH PROGRAM

For the second time in less than a year, new reductions were announced last week in benefits under the government-administered British health program. As part of an intensified program of austerity in the welfare state, Britons were informed that further charges for their once-vaunted "free" health service would be imposed in order to meet the soaring costs of the scheme. The new charges were low but extensive for a program which has been providing the goods and services without charge. Henceforth, Britons will pay up to \$2.80 for dental treatment, 14 cents for each medical prescription, half the cost of hearing aids, surgical boots, surgical corsets, elastic stockings and wigs and unspecified "other charges." Fees were also increased for hospital beds. The government bill stirred up heated controversy and a wave of strikes. Laborite Aneurin Bevan, who fathered the health program in 1948, charged the Conservative government was using Britain's financial crisis as an excuse for killing the health service and "rotting the miners' teeth." It was Bevan who precipitated a cabinet upheaval when token charges were imposed by the Labor government for artificial dentures and spectacles last April. The new charges are expected to bring in \$56 million a year, hardly an impressive figure, observers pointed out, for a service on which the government plans to continue disbursing the same total of \$1,114,000,000 that was the cost of the program in the current fiscal year. They noted that the savings would amount to less than one shilling (14 cents) in a pound (\$2.80).

A.D.A. CONFERS WITH CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON DENTIST PARTICIPATION

Two members of the A.D.A.'s newly-established special subcommittee on civil defense are meeting this week with officials of the Federal Civil Defense Administration in an effort to develop a preliminary program for participation of dentists in civil defense. The A.D.A. members are Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N. Y., chairman of the subcommittee, and Dr. Lloyd Rogers, of Detroit. Among officials taking part in the conferences is Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Civil Defense Administration. Dr. Hunn will also represent the Association at a civil defense conference to be held today (Feb. 15) under the auspices of the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD APRIL 7-8

Applications for national board examinations, to be held April 7-8, must be submitted before March 8, Dr. Shailer A. Peterson, secretary of the A.D.A. Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners, has announced. The written examinations, which will be held at various dental schools and Army posts throughout the country, are recognized by 26 states, the U. S. Public Health Service and the Army. Applicants for state licenses must still take the practical portion of the state board examinations. Further information may be obtained by writing the council at the Central Office.

DR. BERT L. HOOPER NAMED TO A.D.A. COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION

Dr. Bert L. Hooper, of Lincoln, Neb., dean of the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry, has been appointed a member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president, announced this week. Dr. Hooper, who has been a faculty member of the school since 1923 and dean since 1939, succeeds Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president-elect, who has resigned from the council.

V.A. ASSISTANT CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR RESIGNS IN POLICY DIFFERENCE

Dr. E. H. Cushing, assistant chief medical director of the Veterans Administration, resigned last week. In a brief letter to Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone, V.A. medical chief, Dr. Cushing said he and Adm. Boone had "irreconcilable differences" on V.A. medical problems. Dr. George Marshall Lyon, director of the agency's radioisotope research program, was named to replace Dr. Cushing. A year ago Dr. Paul B. Magnuson was dismissed as medical head of the V.A. in a clash on policy matters with Administrator Carl Gray. A Senate subcommittee investigating the dismissal charged that lay interference with health functions at the agency threatened "complete disintegration" of the V.A.'s medical program.

FOUR U. S. DENTISTS NAMED VICE PRESIDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Four United States dentists have been appointed vice-presidents of the 11th International Dental Congress which will be held July 19-26 in London. They are Drs. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president; Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville; Arthur Merritt, of New York, and Frederick B. Noyes, of Chicago. In addition, eight other United States dentists have been named to official positions in the congress. Named as honorary presidents of scientific sessions are Drs. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, and Andrew Jackson, of Philadelphia. Named as vice-presidents of sections are Drs. Harry E. Frisbie, of San Francisco; H. Trendley Dean, Bruce D. Forsyth and Dan Lynch, of Washington, D. C., and Balint Orban and Lon W. Morrey, A.D.A. editor, of Chicago. The scientific program, including discussions of 20 reports by leading dental scientists from all parts of the world, will be presented in the Royal Festival Hall. Hundreds of translator earphones will be placed throughout the hall so that members of the congress can listen to the discussions in any one of the five official languages of the congress (English, French, Spanish, Italian and German). One day of the meeting, July 20, will be set aside for all-day tours to such points of interest as Oxford, Cambridge, the Thames Valley, Canterbury, Surrey and Sussex. All dentists planning to attend the congress are asked to communicate with Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, so that a complete list of the United States dentists may be maintained. Further information about the meeting can be obtained by writing Dr. Gerald H. Leatherman, 35 Devonshire Place, London W. 1, England.

ADM. RYAN NAMED NEW CHIEF OF NAVY DENTAL DIVISION

Rear Adm. Daniel W. Ryan, 9th Naval district dental officer (Great Lakes, Ill.), will assume the position of chief of the Navy Dental Division and assistant chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on Monday (Feb. 18), the Navy Department has announced. Rear Adm. A. W. Chandler, inspector general of the Dental Division, was temporarily assigned these duties after the retirement of Rear Adm. Spry O. Claytor on Jan. 1. Adm. Ryan has held his present position since August, 1950. He served with the Army during World War I, and two years after his graduation from the University of Denver School of Dentistry, in 1923, he joined the Navy. Rear Adm. Alfred R. Harris will be the new dental officer for the 9th Naval district and Capt. James Purcell will succeed Adm. Harris as 14th Naval district dental officer (Pearl Harbor). At the same time, the Navy announced the retirement of Rear Adm. Robert S. Davis, former chief of the Navy Dental Division, after 34 years of active duty. Prior to his retirement, Adm. Davis was 12th Naval district dental officer (San Francisco).

ALLOCATIONS TO DENTAL MANUFACTURERS IS "ADEQUATE," SAYS NPA OFFICIAL

Current requirements of dental manufacturers for critical materials are being met under allocations through the National Production Authority, it was reported at a meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Trade and Laboratory Relations here last week. Mr. Edward Munn, chief of the NPA dental section, said that current allocations of metal to manufacturers of dental equipment were sufficient to keep civilian production at pre-Korean war averages despite large government orders. Council members, headed by Dr. Fred Herbine, of Reading, Pa., also met with representatives of the newly formed National Association of Dental Laboratories.

ANNOUNCE EXAMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

A competitive examination for appointment of dental officers in the U. S. Public Health Service, regular corps, will be held in a number of cities throughout the United States April 1-3, it was announced recently. Appointments will be made in the grades of assistant and senior assistant dental surgeon, equivalent to Navy ranks of lieutenant (j.g.) and lieutenant, respectively. Applications and additional information may be obtained by writing the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Division of Commissioned Officers, Dental Representative.