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Marcus Llewellyn Ward

1938-1939

Doctor Ward, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, became the seventy-sixth president of the Association at the 1938 meeting in St. Louis. The House of Delegates adopted a set of principles and recommendations for a national health program.

Doctor Ward was dean of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry from 1916 to 1934, when he was named Jonathan Taft Professor of Dentistry and chairman of the Department of Dental Materials. He was president of the Michigan State Dental Association in 1912 and the American Association of Dental Schools in 1925. Doctor Ward, a prolific writer, was the editor of *American Textbook of Dentistry*. He was born in Michigan in 1875 and died in 1963.

On October 30, 1938, the radio program "Attack from Mars," by Orson Welles, was believed by many to be a news report, and caused widespread panic. President Roosevelt asked Congress for large defense appropriations. President Roosevelt sent a letter to Hitler and Mussolini asking for assurances that they would refrain from aggression on 31 named nations for ten years.