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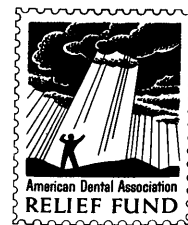
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**DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ISSUES CALL FOR 383 DENTISTS FOR JANUARY INDUCTION--
A.D.A. CONFERS WITH DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON REVISION OF PUBLIC LAW 779**

The Department of Defense last Thursday announced a January call for 383 dentists, 544 physicians and 18 veterinarians for the armed forces. In the highest monthly call to date, 338 dental officers and 344 medical officers were scheduled for assignment to the Army and 45 dentists and 200 physicians to the Air Force. The call was the first for veterinarians. The Defense Department said the January call brings to 1,637 the number of dentists requested from Selective Service since July, 1951. In addition, a number of Naval reservists in Priority II had orders for January service. The large number of dentists scheduled for January induction was attributed to the increasing numbers of dental officers who have completed their tour of duty and require replacements. The call is expected to be filled primarily by Priority III men. Selective Service figures as of Sept. 30 indicated a total of 14,685 dentists in Priority III of which 11,883 had been classified by local boards. However, it was pointed out that 9,128 Priority III dentists classified as 1-A were still awaiting physical examinations. Although Priority III covers dentists up to the age of 51 without prior military service, local draft boards were under orders through the December call to limit induction notices to individuals under the age of 36 in keeping with regulations that the younger men should be called first. The December call is for 204 dentists. As of Oct. 30, a census of Priority III dentists under the age of 36 by state draft directors indicated a total of 1,359 dentists in this group.

**ALTERNATIVES TO DRAFT ACT
CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON**

nates next June 30. At a meeting this weekend in Washington, D. C., the Council on Legislation was discussing possible alternatives to Public Law 779 with officials of the Defense Department, the Army, Navy, Air Force, the National Advisory Committee to Selective Service and the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization. The chairman of the A.D.A. Council is Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N.Y. Earlier, Association representatives met with the American Medical Association's Council on National Emergency Medical Service in Chicago to consider the basic question of whether the armed forces' needs for professional health manpower can be met without resorting to a discriminatory draft law. A.D.A. representatives at the meeting were Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N.J., chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services, and Mr. Francis J. Garvey and Mr. Bernard J. Conway, of Chicago, secretary and assistant secretary respectively, of the Council on Legislation.

Meanwhile, A.D.A. representatives continued conferences on revision of the Dentist-Physician Draft Act, Public Law 779, which termi-

PAINLESS PARKER DIES; FUTURE OF HIS DENTAL OFFICE CHAIN IN DOUBT

Dr. Painless Parker, the owner of some 37 dental offices in west coast states and Canada, died Nov. 8 at San Francisco. He was 80 years of age. His death cast doubt on the continued existence of his chain of dental offices. In California, dental society officials pointed out that the state dental practice act now prohibits practice under a firm name or under an assumed

name and that the state licensing board restricts the number of offices an individual may operate to two. Whether state officials will demand the dissolution of the Painless Parker chain in California and the other states where he operated dental offices could not be immediately learned. Dr. Parker long has been a controversial figure in dentistry. He was involved in many lawsuits during his career and repeatedly defeated attempts to have his license revoked. In 1915 he had his name changed legally from Edgar Randolph Parker to Painless Parker to comply with laws that he must practice dentistry under his legal name. He spent vast sums in advertising and, at the time of his death, his chain was reported to be grossing two and one-half million dollars annually.

BEGIN FLUORIDATION OF SAN DIEGO'S WATER SUPPLY

Fluoridation of San Diego's water supply was started this week after more than a year of court battles and public debates. Only one of the city's three filtration plants started fluoride operations. Equipment has not yet been installed at the two other plants but the city's entire water system, serving 334,000 persons, will be fluoridated within a month, according to Paul Beerman, city water director. A natural fluoride content of .3 to .6 parts per million, already present in the city's water, will be raised to one part per million. A request for an injunction to prevent the program was denied but an appeal is still pending before the Fourth District Appellate Court of California.

OPPONENTS LOSE COURT BATTLE TO BLOCK BALTIMORE PROGRAM

Baltimore, ruled against complainants in a taxpayer's suit to prevent fluoridation. Testifying in favor of fluoridation were Dr. F. A. Arnold Jr., associate director of the National Institute of Dental Research, and Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics. The taxpayer's suit requested an injunction against the procedure mainly on the grounds of religious freedom. Four additional cities which recently initiated the program are Youngstown, Ohio, with a population of 167,642; Fayetteville and Greensboro, N. C., and Nebraska City, Neb. By the end of last week, more than 450 cities had the program in operation.

Another court action ended in favor of the public health measure this week when Judge Michael J. Manley, of the Superior Court of

COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION TO SPONSOR ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE

Members of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education will meet Friday (Nov. 21) in the Central Office with members of other national school accrediting agencies. The meeting is one of a series conducted by the various groups to discuss the mechanics of accreditation programs. Invited to participate in the Nov. 21 conference are the American Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, American Veterinary Medical Association, American Hospital Association and representatives of the nurses', public health and welfare, and pharmaceutical associations.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH KITS ARE MAILED TO LOCAL COMMITTEES

Kits of material for the fifth annual National Children's Dental Health Day were mailed this week to secretaries of all constituent and component societies. The observance is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2, 1953. The portfolio includes a comprehensive manual for guidance in observing the event, a number of suggested newspaper articles and press releases, radio scripts, a clipsheet, background material for speeches, sample proclamations, pamphlets, a catalog and a list of films. Posters for the observance have already been distributed.

LEGION FORMING LIAISON COMMITTEES WITH DENTAL, MEDICAL SOCIETIES

The Indiana department of the American Legion has created a five-man liaison committee to confer with representatives of the Indiana State Dental, Medical and Hospital Associations concerning veterans' health programs. The national Legion organization has requested that each state group form a similar committee. The Indiana committee will hold its first meeting Nov. 23 in Indianapolis.

**NORTH DAKOTA TAKES EARLY LEAD IN RELIEF FUND DRIVE--
TOTAL OF \$14,455 IN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY NOV. 1**

North Dakota dentists jumped into an early lead in the 1952-53 Relief Fund campaign. By Nov. 1, the end of the first accounting period, members of the North Dakota State Dental Association had contributed 79 per cent of their quota. Total contributions during the last two weeks of October were \$14,455.21, or 14.5 per cent of the national quota. Second in per capita contributions were Alaska dentists with 50 per cent of their quota reached. Of the larger societies--those with quotas over \$2,500--Illinois (25 per cent) and Missouri (20.8 per cent) were leading. The average contribution during this period was \$2.31. An additional 14,000 contributions are now being tabulated. A breakdown of contributions to Nov. 1 follows:

	QUOTA	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT.		QUOTA	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT.
Air Force	\$ 560.00	\$ 22.00	3.9	Navy	\$ 790.00	\$ 40.00	5.1
Alabama	770.00	214.00	27.8	Nebraska	1,090.00	122.00	11.2
Alaska	50.00	25.00	50.0	Nevada	100.00	7.50	7.5
Arizona	270.00	2.00	.7	New Hampshire	290.00	47.00	16.2
Arkansas	530.00	74.65	14.1	New Jersey	4,140.00	655.50	15.8
Army	540.00	61.00	11.3	New Mexico	220.00	41.00	18.6
California	3,620.00	324.50	9.0	New York	15,220.00	1,656.00	10.9
California, So.	4,460.00	301.50	6.8	North Carolina	1,240.00	104.00	8.4
Colorado	960.00	43.00	4.5	North Dakota	350.00	278.00	79.4
Connecticut	1,950.00	181.00	9.3	Ohio	4,970.00	1,024.80	20.6
Delaware	150.00	17.00	11.3	Oklahoma	900.00	141.00	15.7
District of Col.	860.00	184.00	21.4	Oregon	1,180.00	79.00	6.7
Florida	1,220.00	138.00	11.3	Panama C. Z.	30.00		
Georgia	1,070.00	220.00	20.6	Pennsylvania	6,970.00	877.50	12.6
Hawaii	370.00	9.00	2.4	P. H. Service	270.00	15.00	5.6
Idaho	260.00	15.00	5.8	Puerto Rico	190.00	28.00	14.7
Illinois	7,570.00	1,890.00	25.0	Rhode Island	570.00	31.00	5.4
Indiana	2,240.00	510.00	22.8	South Carolina	400.00	58.00	14.5
Iowa	1,880.00	400.50	21.3	South Dakota	340.00	52.00	15.3
Kansas	990.00	186.66	18.9	Tennessee	1,150.00	155.00	13.5
Kentucky	1,080.00	86.50	8.0	Texas	3,050.00	305.00	10.0
Louisiana	990.00	155.00	15.7	Utah	480.00	96.00	20.0
Maine	450.00	29.00	6.4	Vermont	190.00	10.00	5.3
Maryland	1,080.00	203.00	18.8	Vet. Admin.	960.00	55.00	5.7
Massachusetts	3,810.00	277.00	7.3	Virginia	1,140.00	177.50	15.6
Michigan	3,990.00	681.50	17.1	Washington	1,780.00	93.00	5.2
Minnesota	2,970.00	461.00	15.5	West Virginia	720.00	147.00	20.4
Mississippi	520.00	165.10	31.8	Wisconsin	2,930.00	566.00	19.3
Missouri	2,590.00	539.00	20.8	Wyoming	160.00	22.50	14.1
Montana	380.00	34.00	8.9	Miscellaneous		121.00	
				TOTALS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 14,455.21	14.5

A.D.A. PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BLOOD PROGRAM

Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president, today urged all members of the Association to support actively the recently-established National Blood Program. The new program is a joint effort of the American National Red Cross, the Department of Defense and the Federal Civil Defense Administration to provide for both the military and civilian blood needs of the nation. "The need for whole blood and blood derivatives is urgent," Dr. Brandhorst said. "All Association members who can should give as often as possible. Their donation may mean the difference between life and death for a serviceman, a fellow civilian in the event of enemy attack, or for themselves."

EXTEND ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR NEW DISABILITY INSURANCE TO NOV. 30

The enrollment period for the Association's new accident and health insurance policy has been extended through November in order to permit all A.D.A. members to participate in the low-cost program, it was announced this week by Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N.Y., chairman of the Council on Insurance. The new program offers disability coverage to all A.D.A. members up to age 65 who are in active practice. In addition, after 50 per cent of the Association's membership is enrolled, the program will provide disability benefits even to those members who are physically impaired. Dr. Zillmann stressed the economical aspects of the plan. Monthly disability income ranges from \$100 to \$400 for annual premiums which are 35 to 50 per cent less than the cost for comparable insurance on an individual basis, Dr. Zillmann pointed out. Application blanks for the disability insurance program have been mailed to all A.D.A. members with the exception of those residing in the states of California, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Utah where similar group policies have been issued by the same company issuing the A.D.A. group policy. While new applications are not being accepted from dentists in these five states, the policies already in effect in these states will be counted toward the 50 per cent enrollment necessary to provide coverage for physically-impaired risks, Dr. Zillman said.

FIFTH STATE SECRETARIES' MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE OPENS MONDAY

Secretaries and executive secretaries from 19 constituent societies are expected in Chicago Monday (Nov. 17) for the start of the 5th annual State Secretaries' Management Conference. The three-day meeting will be held at the Central Office. In addition to staff members, speakers will include Dr. John R. Wallace, of Winchester, Mass., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Membership; Mr. Ray Cobaugh, of Harrisburg, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, and Mr. James Robinson, of Los Angeles, executive secretary of the Southern California State Dental Association.

HEALTH RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORTS ON HOSPITAL DENTAL PROGRAMS

There are now 319 dental interns and residents in 149 hospitals throughout the United States, according to a recently-released report of the Health Resources Advisory Committee. This was a one per cent increase, the study stated, over the 316 interns and residents reported in 1950. The committee's figures were considerably lower than those reported by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. A recent Council statement estimated that there are some 400 dental education programs at hospitals throughout the country. The Council has approved programs at 86 hospitals for some 325 dental interns and residents, the report showed.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president, has invited three dentists to serve as consultants to the Special Committee on Problems in the Field of Oral Surgery which will hold its first meeting Nov. 29-30 in the Central Office. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Oct. 15, 1952.) They are Dr. Henry B. Clark, Jr., of Minneapolis; Dr. Fred J. Henny, of Detroit, and Dr. W. T. Ewing, of Akron....The U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has commended the Association for its cooperation in the field of dental education throughout the world....The 1953 annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale has been scheduled for Oslo, Norway, from July 26 to Aug. 1....Dr. B. Holly Broadbent, of Cleveland, last week received the Callahan Memorial Award of the Ohio State Dental Association for development of the Broadbent-Bolton cephalometer....The 54th annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, to be held Nov. 20 and 21 at the school in San Francisco, has been dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Ernest G. Sloman, former dean of the school and speaker of the A.D.A. House of Delegates....Dr. C. J. Van Slyke, since 1948 director of the National Heart Institute, has been named associate director of the National Institutes of Health....When the 83rd Congress convenes in January, the dental profession will be represented in the House by newly-elected Rep. Long (D., La.). In the Senate, Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.), a dentist, continues as the only member of the health professions.