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## **PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IS INVITED TO ADDRESS A.D.A. MEETING AT MIAMI-- RECORD ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED FOR 95th ANNUAL SESSION NEXT NOVEMBER**

President Eisenhower has been formally invited to address the 95th annual session of the A.D.A. to be held in Miami Nov. 8 through 11. The invitation was extended to President Eisenhower at the White House on April 8 by a group of A.D.A. officials headed by Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., Association president. Others were Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., president-elect, and Dr. C. Willard Camalier, also of Washington, assistant secretary. The dental officials were accompanied to the White House by Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper and Reps. Thomas E. Martin and Henry A. Talle, all of Iowa. President Eisenhower declined to make a definite commitment but expressed the hope that he could accept the invitation at a later date. Meanwhile, the A.D.A. Housing Bureau at Miami began processing applications for hotel reservations for the four-day meeting. Early indications are that the Miami meeting will set a new attendance record for the Association. A total of 77 outstanding hotels in Miami and Miami Beach has pledged accommodations for A.D.A. members at special low rates. Pointing to the availability of fine hotel facilities at special rates in the Miami area, Dr. Curtis A. Haggard, of Miami, general chairman of the committee on local arrangements for the meeting, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for dentists and their families to combine attendance at a scientific meeting with relaxation in a vacation atmosphere unlike any other in the United States." The official application form is in The Journal of the American Dental Association accompanied by a listing of hotels and the special rates for each one. Also included is a map of the Miami area showing the location of the hotels with respect to the Municipal Auditorium where the House of Delegates will meet and the Dinner Key Auditorium where the scientific program will be presented. Designated as official hotels for the meeting are the McAllister, Columbus, Everglades and Biscayne Terrace, all facing Biscayne Bay.

### **RESERVATIONS FOR ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED GROUPS**

Headquarter hotels for the many allied and associated dental groups which will meet at Miami and Miami Beach next November

together with the meeting dates for these groups are as follows:

American Academy of Periodontology, Nov. 4-6, Empress, Miami Beach  
American Association of Dental Examiners, Nov. 5-6, Biscayne Terrace, Miami  
American College of Dentists, Nov. 7, McAllister, Miami  
American Association of Public Health Dentists, Nov. 7, Everglades, Miami  
American Denture Society, Nov. 5-6, Di Lido, Miami Beach  
American Society of Dentistry for Children, Nov. 5-7, Shore Club, Miami Beach  
International College of Dentists, Nov. 7, Cadillac, Miami Beach  
American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Nov. 6, Atlantis, Miami Beach  
Association of American Women Dentists, Nov. 7-8, Empress, Miami Beach  
American Dental Hygienists' Association, Nov. 6-11, Alcazar, Miami  
American Dental Assistants' Association, Nov. 7-11, Roney Plaza, Miami Beach  
American Academy of Oral Roentgenology, Nov. 6, Alcazar, Miami  
American Association of Dental Editors, Nov. 6, McAllister, Miami

Academy of Oral Rehabilitation of Handicapped Persons, Nov. 6, Shore Club, Miami Beach  
Alpha Omega, Nov. 7-8, Delano, Miami Beach  
Delta Sigma Delta, Nov. 5-8, San Souci, Miami Beach  
Psi Omega, Nov. 8, Atlantis, Miami Beach  
Xi Psi Phi, Nov. 8, San Marino, Miami Beach

## ARMED FORCES REPORT LARGE RESPONSE TO SENIOR STUDENT COMMISSION PLAN

The response to the armed forces new program for offering immediate military service to graduating dental students (see A.D.A. News Letter, March 1, 1954) means there probably will be no need for Selective Service calls until late fall, chiefs of the armed forces dental corps indicated this week. Rear Adm. Daniel W. Ryan, chief officer of the Navy dental corps, said applications from senior students will fill the Navy need for 300 new dental officers for the summer and fall months. Similar response was reported by the Army and Air Force. The reports indicated that more than half of the senior class members in the nation's dental schools, who are immediately eligible for military service, have applied for commissions under the program.

## LIMITATION IS URGED ON DENTAL TREATMENTS FOR VETERANS

A "realistic limitation" on the amount of dental care that should be provided war veterans by the Veterans Administration was urged last week by Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services. He testified before a sub-committee of the medical task force of the Hoover Commission at Washington, D.C. Dr. Friedrich said that the A.D.A. favored enactment of legislation which would restrict the V.A. dental program to treatment of defects for which there is actual proof of service-connection and require that veterans file application for dental treatment within one year of their discharge from active duty. Next week, Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, N.C., member of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, will present testimony on the V.A. dental program to the Senate Appropriations Committee in Washington. Dr. Jones is scheduled to appear before the Senate group on April 21. Meanwhile, the House of Representatives deleted from the Independent Offices Appropriations Bill a rider which would limit dental care for veterans. The bill provided a total of \$5,810,000 for the V.A. outpatient dental program for 1954-55, a reduction of nearly 75 per cent from this year's appropriation of \$23,000,000. In testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, A.D.A. representatives urged that this appropriation be increased to \$10,627,000 so that dental treatments can be provided to the veterans who already have been promised such care.

## TESTIMONY ON RE-INSURANCE, GRANTS-IN-AID IS PRESENTED

The Association is in favor of proposed legislation to revise the formula for public health grants-in-aid to states, an A.D.A. representative told the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare yesterday (April 14). Appearing at hearings on administration-sponsored health bills, Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, of Des Moines, Ia., member of the Council on Legislation, said the proposal that would permit interchange of funds in grants-in-aid allocations would encourage expansion of dental health programs. Under the present system, grants are made in five categories and have not been available specifically for dental health programs. "In view of the prevalence of dental disorders and the obvious need of expanded state programs in the field of public dental health," Dr. Pillars said, "the Association believes that enactment of the new formula and elimination of the categorical grants would stimulate sound programs in fields of health which are important to the welfare and comfort of the individual, but which are neither so dramatic...as cancer and heart ailments or...tuberculosis and mental disorders." On the President's health reinsurance bills, under which the federal government would pay back to insurance companies three-fourths of abnormal losses on re-insured health policies, Dr. Pillars said financing is only one aspect of the problem of providing adequate health services. "The Association would recommend that the Congress take no action this year on this measure, but rather that additional time be allowed to permit all interested groups to study the proposal...so that an ample opportunity will be provided to make the necessary corrections in the program before it is initiated," he said. With respect to a proposal to make funds available to states for construction of diagnostic and treatment centers, Dr. Pillars recommended that the bill be revised to include a provision for the establishment and expansion of dental facilities.

Following is a list of contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to April 12 by constituent societies. Societies which have exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters.

<u>QUOTA OF \$900.00 or UNDER</u>				<u>QUOTA OVER \$900.00</u>			
<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>		<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	
Air Force	\$600.00	\$ 499.40	83.2	CALIFORNIA	\$3,740.00	\$4,440.50	118.7
ALABAMA	750.00	1,923.11	256.4	SO. CALIFORNIA	4,530.00	7,760.50	171.3
ALASKA	50.00	224.50	449.0	COLORADO	920.00	1,028.00	111.7
ARIZONA	280.00	537.00	191.8	Connecticut	1,930.00	1,818.12	94.2
ARKANSAS	560.00	643.00	114.8	FLORIDA	1,270.00	1,432.00	112.8
Army	630.00	371.50	59.0	Georgia	1,040.00	970.50	93.3
DELAWARE	160.00	173.00	108.1	ILLINOIS	7,370.00	7,504.25	101.8
DIST. OF C.	850.00	1,414.00	166.4	INDIANA	2,350.00	2,557.00	108.8
HAWAII	360.00	492.00	136.7	IOWA	1,860.00	2,222.80	119.5
IDAHO	260.00	618.00	237.7	Kansas	990.00	917.30	92.7
Maine	450.00	338.00	75.1	KENTUCKY	1,120.00	1,574.06	140.5
Mississippi	520.00	482.96	92.9	LOUISIANA	1,010.00	1,123.50	111.2
MONTANA	370.00	421.15	113.8	MARYLAND	1,060.00	1,078.00	101.7
Navy	830.00	430.50	51.9	Massachusetts	3,780.00	3,622.81	95.8
NEVADA	90.00	120.50	133.9	MICHIGAN	4,010.00	4,444.65	110.8
New Hampshire	290.00	263.00	90.7	Minnesota	2,940.00	2,808.50	95.5
NEW MEXICO	250.00	289.50	115.8	Missouri	2,530.00	2,387.56	94.4
NORTH DAKOTA	340.00	493.05	145.0	NEBRASKA	1,060.00	1,079.85	101.9
OKLAHOMA	890.00	1,218.00	136.9	NEW JERSEY	4,070.00	4,416.50	108.5
PANAMA C.Z.	20.00	20.00	100.0	New York	15,210.00	11,309.86	74.4
P. H. Service	260.00	242.50	93.3	N. CAROLINA	1,230.00	1,487.50	120.9
Puerto Rico	190.00	185.00	97.4	Ohio	4,980.00	4,738.55	95.2
Rhode Island	580.00	414.50	71.5	OREGON	1,200.00	1,208.00	100.7
S. Carolina	410.00	355.00	86.6	Pennsylvania	6,830.00	5,431.50	79.5
S. DAKOTA	340.00	582.00	171.2	TENNESSEE	1,200.00	3,408.03	284.0
Utah	450.00	382.50	85.0	Texas	3,160.00	2,235.50	70.7
Vermont	190.00	151.00	79.5	VIRGINIA	1,130.00	1,151.00	101.9
Vet. Admin.	900.00	362.15	40.2	WASHINGTON	1,780.00	2,116.50	118.9
W. VIRGINIA	740.00	775.50	104.8	Wisconsin	2,910.00	2,221.00	76.3
Wyoming	180.00	160.00	88.9				
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TOTAL	\$12,790.00	\$14,582.32	114.0		\$87,210.00	\$88,493.84	101.5

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	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
QUOTAS OF \$900 or UNDER	\$12,790.00	\$14,582.32	114.0
QUOTAS OVER \$900	87,210.00	88,493.84	101.5
STUDENTS		694.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		21.25	
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GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$103,791.41	103.8

## CONGRESS COMMITTEE HEARS ASSOCIATION STAND ON OASI

In testimony April 9 before the House Ways and Means Committee, Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., vice-chairman of the A.D.A.

Council on Legislation, reiterated the A.D.A.'s opposition to the inclusion of dentists in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act. He pointed out that the House of Delegates had repeatedly voted against OASI. "Except in unusual cases, dentists continue working throughout their lives," Dr. Earnest said. "Since they cannot continue to work and simultaneously derive benefits from their contributions to this scheme, they prefer to be omitted from it so that they can invest their funds in retirement plans of their own choice from which they will receive, at least, the return of their investment." The extension of OASI to dentists, physician, lawyers and many others not now covered has been requested by President Eisenhower.

## HONOR GEN. SNYDER AT TESTIMONIAL AS NEW CHIEF OF ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Maj. Gen. Oscar P. Snyder was sworn in as new chief of the Army Dental Corps at ceremonies April 12 in the offices of the Army surgeon general in Washington. Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, A.D.A. president, was a principal speaker at a testimonial dinner given in honor of Gen. Snyder yesterday (April 14) at the Officers' Club at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Tex. The dinner was given by the San Antonio District Dental Society and the dental staff at Fort Sam Houston where Gen. Snyder has been director of dental activities.

## TOTAL A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES NEW HIGH OF 72,670 ON MARCH 31

Total A.D.A. membership reached a record high on March 31 of 72,670. The new total is a gain of more than two thousand over the corresponding figure for last year. A.D.A. members who have not yet mailed in their dues are reminded that in order to be listed as a member in the 1955 A.D.A. Directory their dues must be received no later than July 1, 1954. Membership privileges such as a subscription to The Journal of the American Dental Association and participation in group insurance plans which were terminated for members whose dues were not paid by April 1, will be restored automatically upon receipt of 1954 dues, it was pointed out. The new membership total included 62,990 active members, 1,467 higher than the 1953 figure.

## CIVIL DEFENSE STAFF COLLEGE TO CONDUCT COURSE FOR DENTISTS

A special three-day course in civil defense for dentists will be conducted July 21 through 23 at the Civil Defense Staff College, Olney, Md. The effects of atomic and chemical warfare, organization of civil defense programs and the dentist's role in tactical operations will be shown in lectures and demonstrations. Cost of the course is five dollars per day, which pays for board and room at the college. Individual dentists, or dental societies wishing to send representatives should write to the college at Olney, Md. The deadline for application is July 1.

## DR. FITZGERALD TO ADDRESS NUMEROUS STATE SOCIETIES IN NEXT FEW WEEKS

Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., A.D.A. president, will address a number of state dental societies in the next few weeks. On April 20, he will appear before the Wisconsin State Dental Society in Milwaukee and on April 26 he will speak to the Michigan State Dental Association in Detroit. During May, he will address the Iowa State Dental Society at Des Moines, the Illinois State Dental Society in Springfield, the Indiana State Dental Society in Indianapolis and the New Mexico State Dental Society in Santa Fe. The month of June will take him to the Hawaii Territorial Dental Society in Honolulu as well as the West Virginia State Dental Society at White Sulphur Springs. Dr. FitzGerald will also speak at the North Pacific Coast Conference at Banff in June.

## ARKANSAS EDUCATORS ADVISED TO STOP SALE OF SWEETS IN SCHOOLS

The Arkansas commissioner of education has sent a letter to every school administrator in the state drawing attention to the Arkansas State Dental Association's resolution condemning the sale of confections and sweetened drinks in schools. The letter also recommended use of the society-approved excuse slip for dental appointments, and of the A.D.A. booklet, "Manual of Dental Health Facts for Teachers."

## **RELIEF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS REACH ALL TIME HIGH OF \$103,791.**

Total contributions to the 1953-54 A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign reached \$ 103,791 on April 12, an all time high. The new total surpassed by \$ 320 the previous high of \$ 103,471 established in last year's drive. During the account period ending April 12, Arizona dentists mailed in \$ 436 to bring their total contribution to \$ 537, or 191.8 per cent of quota. Arizona thus became the 34th society to exceed its quota this year. Smaller societies, with quotas of \$ 900 or under, have contributed 114 per cent of quota. The larger societies, with quotas over \$ 900, also are over the top with contributions amounting to 101.5 per cent of quota. A detailed list of contributions from constituent societies appears on the accompanying sheet.

## **WYOMING REACHES QUOTA IN A.D.A. HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Wyoming this week became the first state to reach its quota in the current enrollment period for the A.D.A. Health and Accident Insurance program. As a result, all A.D.A. members in Wyoming including those with unfavorable medical histories, are eligible to participate in the insurance program. Under the original plan for insurance, the National Casualty Company of Detroit agreed to provide insurance protection for all A.D.A. members including impaired risks, provided 50 per cent of those eligible file application for coverage. This later was amended to permit individual states to qualify by reaching the 50 per cent quota. Impaired risks are limited to insurance protection up to \$ 200 a month. Others can purchase insurance up to \$ 400 a month. Several other states are close to their quotas, Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N.Y., A.D.A. insurance trustee, pointed out. Virginia, for example, needed only two additional applications on April 14, to meet its quota. Applications needed in other states to reach their quotas included: North Dakota, 8; Montana, 9; Delaware, 11; Rhode Island, 15; Vermont, 19; and South Dakota, 32. Through April 14, a total of 4,940 applications had been received in the new enrollment period. This represented a gain of nearly 800 in the past two weeks. The current enrollment period will continue through May 1.

## **MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FLUORIDATION; CHICAGO TAKES ACTION**

Two major cities have taken action on fluoridation. The city council of Minneapolis voted ten to two in favor of the measure for the city of 522,000. Earlier the council had rejected a proposal for a referendum. Barring possible court action, the program is scheduled to begin there within the next three months. The twin city of St. Paul has had the program in operation since September, 1952. In Chicago, climaxing two years of hearings and study, a city council subcommittee this week unanimously recommended the procedure for the nation's second city. The program last week was in operation in 936 U.S. communities with populations totaling nearly 17 million.

## **DR. DAVID R. WALLACE NEW DENTAL DIRECTOR FOR VIRGINIA**

Dr. David R. Wallace, of Brookville, Pa., district dentist for the Pennsylvania State Department of Health, has been named director of dental health in the Virginia State Department of Health, effective May 1, 1954. He succeeds Dr. William Rumbel who died in November, 1953. The announcement was made by Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz, of Richmond, state health commissioner.

## **BRIEFS IN THE NEWS**

More than 3,300 dental students and graduates participated in the National Board examinations March 29 and 30, it was reported by Dr. Frank O. Alford, of Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners...On July 1, 1954, Dr. Bert L. Hooper, of Lincoln, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry, will discontinue his private practice to devote full time at the school. He has served as dean since 1939...The April 24 issue of the Saturday Evening Post will carry an article on the Reed-Keogh bills, which have been endorsed by the A.D.A....Dr. Myron S. Aisenberg is the new dean of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland. He has been serving as acting dean since last July...."Your Dental Health" is the title of a new series of 30 articles being distributed by the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information to constituent and component dental societies. The feature articles are a comprehensive review for laymen of the entire dental health field.... 4,807 children were treated at the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic in Honolulu in the year ended last August.