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SEN. LESTER HUNT (D., WYO.), ONLY DENTIST MEMBER OF U.S. SENATE, ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION THIS FALL

Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D., Wyo.), who has chalked up a distinguished record as a member of the U.S. Senate in the past five and one-half years, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election next November. Sen. Hunt is the only dentist now serving in the Senate. The announcement came as a surprise since only six weeks before Sen. Hunt had publicly announced he would seek a second term. He was without opposition for the Democratic nomination this summer in Wyoming. In a letter to the A.D.A., dated June 5, he said that the decision was based on health reasons. "I regret exceedingly at this date to advise you that I have found it necessary to reconsider my announcement as candidate for re-election to the U.S. Senate," Sen. Hunt wrote. "For personal reasons, namely health, I must advise you that I will not be a candidate for re-election." It was known that the senator had undergone several weeks of medical examinations at the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., and he had told friends he was "much concerned" at the findings.

ACHIEVED IMPRESSIVE RECORD ON ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, Sen. Hunt played a principal role in preparing the dentist-physician draft legislation.

He was also primarily responsible for retaining the special \$100-a-month incentive pay for dental and medical officers in the armed forces. He has worked hard on behalf of health matters generally. Sen. Hunt achieved national prominence as a member of the Kefauver Committee of the 82nd Congress. He has received many honors, including the highest award of the American Dental Association, honorary membership. Before his election to the Senate in 1948, Sen. Hunt served as governor and secretary of state of Wyoming. He received his D.D.S. degree from St. Louis University in 1917.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO OPEN HEARINGS JUNE 23 ON OASI PROGRAM

The Senate Finance Committee will open hearings June 23 on a bill bringing dentists and certain other self-employed persons under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act. The A.D.A. will formally protest during the hearings the action of the House of Representatives (see A.D.A. News Letter, June 1, 1954) in excluding physicians but not dentists from the program. In a speech on the floor of the House during debate on the bill, Rep. Long (D., La.) sharply questioned the committee's action in making physicians the sole exception to coverage among self-employed professional persons. Pointing out that the A.D.A. House of Delegates had four times gone on record against inclusion of dentists in the program, Congressman Long said: "I cannot see, for the life of me, why the committee would put one group of doctors under social security, then take another group out." A.D.A. officials have strongly criticized the action of the House Ways and Means Committee which excluded physicians and left dentists to be covered by OASI in an executive session and then quickly reported the bill to the House where it was considered under a "gag" rule of no amendments.

DENTAL RESEARCH BUDGET IS INCREASED BY \$10,000

Appropriations for dental research in the proposed U.S. Public Health Service budget were increased by \$10,000 in a bill approved by the

House of Representatives June 10. The increase brings appropriations for the National Institute for Dental Research to \$1,740,000 which is the amount of the 1953-54 budget. In testimony before the House and Senate Appropriations committees, the A.D.A. proposed an increase of

\$ 409,000 over the current budget for dental health activities in the Public Health Service. The budget is now being considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

LIMITS ON V.A. DENTAL PROGRAM URGED BY A.D.A. IN CONGRESS

The A.D.A. strongly urges passage of a bill (H.R. 7653) placing permanent legislative restrictions on dental care for veterans in the outpatient dental program of the Veterans Administration, a representative of the Association testified June 10. Appearing before the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. Francis J. Garvey, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Legislation, said the Association was in favor of the measure introduced by Rep. Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.) which would limit dental care under the outpatient program to a single series of treatments for a proved service-connected disability and would require that applications for treatment be made within one year of discharge from military service. In other action in Congress, both houses approved a bill amending the dentist-physician draft act to permit dentists and physicians ineligible for commissions as security risks to be assigned in professional capacities in an enlisted status. The bill is now before the President for signature.

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REPORTS INDICATE CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-FLUORIDE BILL TO DIE IN COMMITTEE

Reports from Washington last week indicated that the anti-fluoridation bill (H.R. 2341), introduced by Rep. Weir (D. Minn.), will die in committee. Letters being received by dentists from members of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce indicated that an overwhelming majority of committee members are opposed to the bill which would prohibit fluoridation throughout the United States. The A.D.A. and other national health organizations testified against the bill at hearings held last month. (See A.D.A. News Letter, June 1, 1954.)

NEW STUDIES REAFFIRM SAFETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE

New evidence of the safety of fluoridation has been published by the U.S. Public Health Service. In a statistical study of death rates in 32 fluoride cities and 32 neighboring non-fluoride cities, the rates were found to be about the same. The combined death rate from heart diseases, cancer, intra-cranial lesions, nephritis and cirrhosis of the liver was found to be 1010.6 per 100,000 in fluoride cities and 1005 in non-fluoride cities. The cancer rate, often alluded to by fluoride opponents, was actually lower in fluoride cities (135.4) than in non-fluoride cities (139.1). Death rates from other causes were (fluoride cities listed first): heart disease, 354.8 and 357.4; intra-cranial lesions, 111.5 and 104.8; nephritis, 21.9 and 26.7; cirrhosis of the liver, 6.6 and 8.2.

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SAN DIEGO VOTES TO STOP FLUORIDATION PROGRAM

San Diego residents last week voted to discontinue fluoridation in a referendum which required a "no" vote in order to keep the public health measure in operation. The vote was 46,976 for the proposition (against fluoridation) and 41,382 against the proposition (for fluoridation). San Diego health officials predicted that a new referendum, requiring a simple "yes" vote for fluoridation, would be placed on the ballot in November. Fluoridation was started in November, 1952.

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BULLETIN--Fluoridation of water supplies for Chicago, the nations second largest city, was approved by the Chicago city council in a vote of 37 to 8 on Tuesday, June 16. The Chicago water system serves 3,600,000 residents of the city and about 500,000 others living in 51 suburbs. It is expected to be several months before fluoridation can be placed in actual operation. The measure had been urged by the Chicago Dental Society, the Chicago Medical Society, the city's Board of Health and many civic groups.

DR. WILLARD S. BELL OF NEW YORK DIES AT AGE OF 58

Dr. Willard S. Bell, of South Ozone Park, N.Y., for the past 13 years a delegate from New York at annual meetings of the Association, died June 11 after a brief illness. He was 58 years old. Dr. Bell was a former president of the Dental Society of the State of New York and the Second District Dental Society. He was director of dentistry at Triboro and Neponsit Beach hospitals.

HONORARY DEGREE IS AWARDED DR. FITZGERALD BY LOYOLA UNIVERSITY -- A.D.A. PRESIDENT ALSO IS MADE HONORARY CITIZEN OF NEW ORLEANS

An honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred on Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Iowa, Association president, at convocation ceremonies of Loyola University of the South, at New Orleans, June 5. Dr. FitzGerald was the principal speaker at the commencement program and the only individual to be awarded an honorary degree at the ceremonies. In making the award, the Very Rev. W. Patrick Donnelly, S.J., president of the university, said Dr. FitzGerald was being honored for his outstanding contributions to dental education. Msgr. Donnelly read the citation which said in part: "The man we honor tonight belongs to a band of dedicated educators. He has always been interested in dental education at its highest, but especially in its development on a postgraduate level, has ever been a prime mover in founding and advancing associations devoted to this task." In his address to the graduates, Dr. FitzGerald called on the graduates to show leadership qualities. "You can be one of the little leaders as early as tomorrow, even if your only follower is yourself," he told the class. "On that basis, leadership can grow and extend its influence as grace and courage will permit you to extend it." While he was in New Orleans, Dr. FitzGerald was presented with a key to the city and made an honorary citizen of New Orleans.

AD INTERIM APPOINTMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED BY DR. FITZGERALD

Two ad interim appointments to A.D.A. councils were announced this week by Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., Association president. Dr. William O. Vopata, of Oak Park, Ill., was named to the Council on Relief to replace the late Dr. Leo W. Kremer, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who died on May 26; and Dr. Walter C. McBride, of Detroit, was named to the Council on Journalism to replace the late Dr. Paul E. Bomberger, of Lancaster, Pa., who died April 9. Both appointments will expire at the 1954 annual session. Dr. M. C. Hansen, of Racine, Wis., was named chairman of the Council on Relief. For the past several years, Dr. Hansen has served as secretary of the council. Dr. Vopata was named as the new secretary.

OUT-DATED X-RAY FILM BEING SOLD, A.D.A. COUNCIL WARNS

The A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations last week issued a warning that some out-dated x-ray film is being sold. The council reported at its meeting in the Central Office that government surplus film, sold for scrap, has been distributed as new film by at least one dental supply house in New York. The council noted that the film had been clearly marked as out-dated by the government agency, but that the supply house had reportedly superimposed its label over the warning. Information received by the council indicated that the film was being sold in both New York state and California. Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Pa., council chairman, said, following a conference with officials of the Office of Supply Services of the federal government, that steps were being taken to prevent the further release of any more out-dated film.

DR. J. ROY DOTY IS HONORED AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, last week was given the Distinguished Alumni Award of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. The award, one of five, which was presented for the first time in the school's hundred-year history, cited Dr. Doty's outstanding work in dental therapeutics and in fluoridation of public water supplies. Dr. Doty, a biochemist, joined the staff of the A.D.A. in 1943.

TOTAL A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP NEARS NEW RECORD; REACHES 79,640

Total A.D.A. membership reached 79,640 on May 31, a record for that date. The figure was only 487 short of the all-time record of 80,127 set on Dec. 31, 1953. The number of fully privileged members was also near an all-time high, reaching 69,803. Twenty-three constituent societies and one federal service -- the Navy -- reported higher membership totals for the first five months of 1954 than for the whole of last year. The greatest gains percentagewise were made by Puerto Rico (19 per cent), Idaho (11 per cent), Panama (10 per cent) and the Navy (9 per cent). The greatest numerical gain was made by Southern California with 179 additional members.

95TH ANNUAL SESSION AT MIAMI TO STUDY ATOMIC WARFARE, RADIATION

Atomic warfare, radiation hazards, and the newest devices for cutting tooth structures will be subjects of panel discussions and a symposium at the 95th annual meeting of the A.D.A. in Miami Nov. 8 through 11. Final plans for the essay programs were announced at a recent meeting of the Council on Scientific Session in the Central Office. The essay program will also include panels on sugar and carbohydrates, everyday endodontic practices and the use of elastic impression materials. Requests for advance reservations are more than twice as heavy this year as they were in 1953, according to Dr. Curtis A. Haggard, of Miami, general chairman of the committee on local arrangements. He emphasized, however, that thousands of choice rooms are still available in the 77 hotels reserving rooms for the A.D.A. Application blanks for hotel accommodations are on page A-29 of the June issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association. Although the essay program is completed, Dr. Walter H. Campbell, of Miami Beach, reported there are still a number of openings on the projected clinic program. Individuals or institutions wishing to present a clinic using slides should apply to Dr. Campbell, 541 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach. Chairman of the Council on Scientific Session is Dr. Charles S. Kurz, of Carlyle, Ill.

SO. CALIFORNIA AND N. CAROLINA DENTAL SCHOOLS GRANTED FULL APPROVAL

The A.D.A. Council on Dental Education has announced full approval of the dental schools at the University of North Carolina and the University of Southern California. The Southern California dental school previously had been provisionally approved. The University of North Carolina dental school graduated its first class on June 7 and had not previously been considered for approval. The Council also has given approval to the dental hygiene training programs at the University of Southern California, the University of Kansas City, Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute and the West Liberty State College in West Virginia. Forty of the nation's 43 dental schools are now fully approved, two are provisionally approved and one has not yet been in operation long enough to be included in the accreditation program, according to Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, council secretary. Of the 31 dental hygiene schools in the nation, he reported, 29 are either fully or provisionally approved under the council's accreditation program begun in 1952.

FONES AWARD IS CONFERRED ON DR. HILLENBRAND, A.D.A. SECRETARY

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, has been awarded the 1954 Alfred C. Fones Award by the Connecticut State Dental Association. Dr. Lon W. Morrey, of Chicago, A.D.A. editor, accepted the award for Dr. Hillenbrand who was in Europe attending the annual convention of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. The award was made to Dr. Hillenbrand for his outstanding contribution to dentistry both in the field of dental health and in dental administration.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. J. B. Carr, of Indianapolis, member of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees from 1947 through 1952, has been presented with the Indiana Public Health Association award for "distinguished and effective service in the field of public health." Dr. Carr is the first dentist to be honored by the association....At least two district dental societies have taken action against the practice of giving lollipops to children receiving the Salk vaccine injections against polio. In New Jersey, the Tri-County Dental Society prevailed upon health officials in Morristown to stop giving the candy to the children and in Connecticut, the Hartford County Dental Society was successful in putting to a halt the practice in the county. Balloons and plastic toys were substituted for the candy....Representatives of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education and the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service met in Washington, D.C., June 12 and 13 with a group of dental school librarians to study dental library services....Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, former chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, represented the Association at last week's midwest conference of the National Citizens Committee for the World Health Organization in Chicago....The University of Oregon dental college is under direct supervision of the state board of higher education and is not "a subsidiary or subdivision of the University of Oregon," the state supreme court has ruled. The decision upheld a suit by the Oregon State Dental Association.