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# ADA News Letter

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DR. DANIEL F. LYNCH IS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT AT 95TH ANNUAL SESSION AT MIAMI...DR. BERNERD C. KINGSBURY, OF SAN FRANCISCO, UNANIMOUSLY NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT...DR. JOHN ABEL IS ELECTED NEW TRUSTEE FOR 13TH DISTRICT...FOUR OTHER TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED...HOUSE OF DELEGATES VOTES 235-152 AGAINST INCLUSION OF DENTISTS IN FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE PROGRAM...NEW YORK CITY IS CHOSEN FOR 1959 CENTENNIAL MEETING...PRESIDENT EISENHOWER COMMENDS ASSOCIATION IN SPECIAL MESSAGE...ANY FURTHER EXTENSION OF SPECIAL DRAFT LAW FOR DENTISTS IS OPPOSED...LIMITATIONS ALSO URGED ON DENTAL CARE FOR VETERANS AND FOR DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL...DR. HOWARD RUSK WARNS THAT EXCESSIVE MILITARY DEMANDS FOR DENTAL OFFICERS WILL THREATEN SERVICE FOR CIVILIANS...NEW SECTION ON ANESTHESIOLOGY IS AUTHORIZED...DR. LESLIE M. FITZGERALD CITES NEED FOR CONTINUING COOPERATIVE ACTION BETWEEN PROFESSIONS...STRENGTHENING OF STATE DENTAL DEPARTMENTS IS URGED...NEW BUREAU OF DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION IS CREATED...BUDGET OF \$2,064,500 IS APPROVED FOR 1955...EIGHT NEW COUNCIL CHAIRMEN APPOINTED...DR. THOMAS C. HILL AND MR. WILLIAM T. SWEENEY AWARDED HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS...URGE ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITIES FOR DENTAL SERVICES AT DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTERS, HOSPITALS...ACTION IS DEFERRED ON REVISION OF TRUSTEE DISTRICTS...NEW ABSTRACT JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED BY A.D.A....ATTENDANCE AT MIAMI WAS 11,262...ILLINOIS COURT UPHOLDS SUIT OF CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY AGAINST DENTAL LABORATORY OPERATORS...CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACH \$42,919.75.

Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., was formally installed as president of the American Dental Association in Miami, Fla., on Nov. 11 at the close of the Association's 95th annual session. Dr. Lynch succeeded Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia. Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, was unanimously chosen as president-elect. Total registration at the meeting was 11,262, one of the largest in the history of the A.D.A.

## DR. CURTIS HAGGARD OF MIAMI IS THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Curtis A. Haggard, of Miami, who served as chairman of the General Committee on Local Arrangements for the 1954 meeting, was elected

first vice-president. Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Penn., was elected second vice-president, and Dr. John E. Fauber, of Washington, D.C., dental director for the Veterans Administration, third vice-president. Dr. Harry E. Lyons, of Richmond, Va., dean of the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry, was re-elected Speaker of the House of Delegates. Dr. H. B. Washburn, of St. Paul, Minn., was reappointed treasurer. All of the elections were by unanimous vote of the House of Delegates.

## DR. JOHN ABEL IS NEW TRUSTEE; FOUR BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED

Dr. John R. Abel, of Beverly Hills, Calif., was elected to a three-year term as one of the thirteen members of the Board of Trustees. He

succeeded Dr. Kingsbury. Dr. Abel will represent the Thirteenth District (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Territory of Hawaii and Panama Canal Zone). Four other trustees were unanimously elected for three-year terms. They are: Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, Second district (New York); Dr. Charles H. Patton, of Philadelphia, Third district (Pennsylvania); Dr. Clarence S. Renouard, of Butte, Mont., Eleventh district (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Alaska); and Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., Twelfth district (Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana).

**REJECT OASI FOR DENTISTS  
BY SECRET VOTE OF 235-152**

Members of the House of Delegates rejected proposals that the Association go on record favoring either compulsory or voluntary participation of dentists in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Federal Social Security Act. Compulsory coverage of all dentists was rejected 235 to 152 on a secret ballot on voting machines. The proposal which was voted down was: Resolved that the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association favors the inclusion of all members of the dental profession in the United States in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program. After this was defeated, delegates voted 180 to 153 to oppose the participation of dentists in OASI on a voluntary basis. Lengthy debate and considerable parliamentary maneuvering preceded the actual voting on the OASI issue. This year's action marked the fourth time since 1949 that the Association's House of Delegates has formally gone on record opposing OASI for members of the dental profession. In 1953, OASI was rejected by a vote of 312 to 64. Self-employed dentists have never been included in the OASI program. They were among groups specifically excluded when the Social Security program was extended to several millions of persons by Congress earlier this year.

**NEW YORK IS CHOSEN FOR  
1959 CENTENNIAL SESSION**

New York City was selected as the site for the Centennial Session to be held in the fall of 1959. Four cities filed bids for the Centennial meeting and delegates made their selection by the use of voting machines. The vote was: New York, 160; Philadelphia, 102; Atlantic City, 73, and Washington, 49. Delegates also chose Miami as the site for the 1957 annual session and selected Dallas, Tex., for the 1958 session. Previously, the House of Delegates had approved San Francisco for the 1955 annual session (Oct. 17 to 20) and Atlantic City for the 1956 convention (Oct. 1 to 4). Dr. Francis J. Herz, of San Francisco, was appointed as chairman of the General Committee on Local Arrangements for 1955 following the resignation of Dr. William B. Ryder Jr., also of San Francisco.

**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER  
LAUDS A.D.A. PROGRAM**

President Dwight D. Eisenhower commended American dentists for their continued concern for the public well-being in a message sent to Miami. The message was read to delegates at the Tuesday evening general session by Dr. FitzGerald, the retiring A.D.A. president. The text of the telegram follows:

I extend my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the American Dental Association on the occasion of the ninety-fifth annual session at Miami. As a professional group your association has amply demonstrated its concern for the public well-being.

By improving standards of dental education, promoting ethical practices, encouraging research, and by cooperating with private and governmental agencies to promote dental health, you are indeed performing a valuable service for the American people. Our nation looks to you for continued progress in your endeavors.

**EXTENSION OF SPECIAL  
DRAFT LAW IS OPPOSED**

In the military sphere, the delegates voted unanimously to oppose any further extension of a special draft law for dentists "unless international tensions require a material increase in military personnel." The present dentist-physician draft law (Public Law 779) is due to expire June 30. Previously, the Association had supported the government's request for legislation permitting the draft of dentists up to the age of 50. The House, in opposing extension of the special draft law, approved a report of the Council on Federal Dental Services which pointed out that an adequate dental care program for military personnel could be maintained from the yearly increment of dental graduates with basic Selective Service liability "without recourse to a special liability law for dentists."

**DELEGATES URGE LAW  
TO LIMIT V.A. CARE**

The delegates went on record urging that limitations on free dental care for veterans be incorporated into basic law. The delegates praised Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen Jr. (R., N.J.) for his leadership in preparing legislation that would limit free outpatient dental care for veterans to those applying to the Veterans Administration within one year of discharge from the armed services and limiting dental care to

proven service-connected dental disabilities. The House also called on Congress to extend the \$100-a-month special pay to all incoming dental officers in the Armed Forces and the U.S. Public Health Service. The resolution also urged that the special pay be made a permanent part of compensation for all dental officers on active duty. Additionally, the delegates approved extension of the A.D.A. sub-committee on civil defense because of "the present need of interest in civil defense."

#### SEEK END TO DENTAL CARE FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS

or at overseas installations or remote areas where civilian dental facilities would not be available. The action was taken on the grounds that such a program would require the drafting of an excessive number of dentists, thus depriving the civilian population of needed dental services.

#### WARNING ISSUED AGAINST EXCESSIVE MILITARY CALLS

Defense Mobilization, said the demands of the armed forces for dental manpower, if continued at the present level, will seriously threaten dental care for the public. Dr. Rusk said that the basic question was "how can the dental needs of our men in military service be met without the curtailment of sorely needed civilian dental services." The health official said the ratio of dentists to troops is now slightly less than two dentists for every 2,000 personnel of the armed forces. "As with physicians, the armed services use dentists at a much more liberal rate than do civilians," he said. "For the entire United States, the ratio of active dentists to population is 0.5 per thousand. Thus civilians have available, on the average, only about a quarter as much dental service as the military." Dr. Rusk said that approximately 6,300 dentists are now in the military services. He added that the present outlook calls for 2,000 additional dental officers to serve as replacements in the armed forces in the next fiscal year, beginning next June 30. "Our studies bring out one simple fact," he said. "With the present and estimated supply of dentists available within the next few years, our national dental manpower resources are not sufficient to permit a continuation of the present level of staffing by the armed forces without some consequent reduction in the availability of civilian dental care." A suggestion that the present ratio of dentists to the armed forces be reviewed by the Department of Defense was again voted by the House of Delegates.

#### DELEGATES GIVE APPROVAL TO ANESTHESIOLOGY SECTION

committee noted that 13 resolutions from state societies calling for revision of the A.D.A. Bylaws to create a separate section on anesthesiology had been submitted. The committee cautioned, however, that the action would not solve the basic problems in the field. "The creation of a scientific section will not solve the very real problems that exist in relation to the right of dentists to administer anesthetics in their offices and in hospitals," the message said. "The committee recommends that the appropriate agencies of the Association, particularly the Council on Dental Education and the Council on Legislation, be requested to study the issues involved in this matter and to report to the House of Delegates at the 1955 annual session." In earlier action, the delegates called on the Council on Dental Education to bring to the attention of all dental schools "the necessity to augment the teaching of anesthesiology in undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate curricula."

#### DR. FITZGERALD CITES NEED FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIONS

night general session. "Dentistry must continue its close, cooperative relations with medicine, with public health, with nursing and with those working in hospital administration. Only if all of these professions work together can they focus their services on the total health of the individual human being. The dentist and the physician can direct their careful skills at the total health of the human being and of the community and not at some mechanistic bundle of diseases and injuries that is not aware of the human compassions and understanding which they have to give." Dr. FitzGerald urged that members of the health professions remember that they have

The delegates urged Congress to eliminate free dental care for dependents of military personnel except in strict emergency situations

In an address before the House, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, of New York, chairman of the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of

The establishment of a scientific section on anesthesiology was authorized by the delegates. In an accompanying message, the reference

A health profession cannot operate in a vacuum if the real health needs of the individual are to be met, Dr. FitzGerald declared at the Tuesday

a responsibility as citizens of a democracy. "If you do not have the capacity for great leadership, you do have -- all of you have -- the capacity for little leadership in your daily lives," he said. "Leadership is a sign of maturity among free men and you, by taking part in community activities, are providing evidence that you are truly professional men whose perspective extends beyond the boundaries of your vocation."

#### STRENGTHENING OF STATE DENTAL UNITS IS URGED

The House proposed that state societies be urged to take immediate steps to strengthen state dental health programs by leadership in

securing earmarked appropriations for dental health purposes, by fostering appointment of a capable dental director and by aiding in establishment of a sound administrative position for the state dental unit. The House also recommended the evaluation of dental care programs, either government or private, on the basis of the program's ability to provide dental service to all its participants in terms of its financial resources, its procurement of competent personnel and its consistency in providing high standards of health services. In the field of chronic illness, the House approved a resolution urging that state and local societies be encouraged to provide leadership in helping states and communities to develop plans for the dental care of chronically ill persons, with special attention to methods of providing care for persons in institutions and in homes. In another action dental health care programs for labor union members and their dependents drew the attention of the delegates. The House urged that constituent and component dental societies be encouraged to conduct informational programs for their members regarding union proposals for dental care programs. The House also recommended that societies be encouraged to develop guiding principles relating to such programs.

#### HOUSE APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

The establishment of a separate Bureau of Dental Health Education in the Association was approved by the delegates. The purpose of the

bureau will be "to develop and maintain a program of dental health education for this Association and to assist the constituent societies and other agencies in the development of effective programs of dental health education."

#### HOUSE APPROVES BUDGET OF \$2,064,500 FOR 1955

A budget totalling \$2,064,500 for 1955 was unanimously approved by the House of Delegates. Of this, \$1,949,025 was appropriated

for anticipated expenses next year leaving a balance of \$115,475 as anticipated surplus. Major sources of income for next year were estimated as follows: membership dues, \$1,375,100; sale of advertising and exhibit space, \$312,000; sale of subscriptions, \$61,500; earnings on investments, \$80,000; sale of materials, \$34,300; fees, \$192,500; and miscellaneous, \$9,100. Appropriations by general heading were: administration, \$596,804; annual session, \$69,427; bureaus, \$187,995; councils and divisions, \$549,690; publications, \$445,109; and contingent fund, \$100,000. The anticipated surplus of income over expense for 1955 is estimated at approximately \$8,000 higher than the surplus for the current year.

#### CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH OBSERVANCE CHANGED TO WEEK

National Children's Dental Health Day was officially designated as National Children's Dental Health Week. The action to extend the

observance was taken by the delegates in keeping with the recommendations of a majority of state, district and local societies. The 1955 observance will be officially held Feb. 7-13. In another action in the field of dental health education, the delegates urged a revision of the policy of the Association regarding approval of dental health education materials. The House requested that the Board of Trustees direct an appropriate agency of the Association to study the policy and make a report at the 1955 annual session. The delegates also recommended that dental health education programs at the national level be sought for such youth organizations as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, 4-H Clubs and Boys' Clubs. The Council on Dental Health or other appropriate agency of the Association was requested to report on the possibility of developing these programs.

## EIGHT NEW COUNCIL CHAIRMEN NAMED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

of Delegates Thursday afternoon. Chairmen for the other ten Councils were reappointed. All chairmen were named to terms of one year each. The new chairmen are:

Constitution and Bylaws: Dr. F. A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., succeeding Dr. Max E. Ernst, of St. Paul, Minn.

Dental Education: Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, of Battle Creek, Mich., succeeding Dr. M. Boleslaw Tylicki, of Long Beach, Calif.

Dental Therapeutics: Dr. Lester W. Burket, of Philadelphia, succeeding Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, O.

Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations: Dr. Walter E. Dundon, of Chicago, succeeding Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Penn.

Insurance: Dr. John S. Eilar, of Albuquerque, N.M., succeeding Dr. Clarence E. Peterson, of Rockville, Conn.

Legislation: Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, N.C., succeeding Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N.Y.

National Board of Dental Examiners: Dr. Victor L. Steffel, of Columbus, O., succeeding Dr. Frank O. Alford, of Charlotte, N.C.

Registry of Dental and Oral Pathology: Dr. Kurt H. Thoma, of Brookline, Mass., succeeding Dr. Henry A. Swanson, of Washington, D.C.

## 41 COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED BY HOUSE

Members of the House unanimously elected 41 members of Association councils for three-year terms. The names of members who were re-

elected are marked with an asterisk.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dr. James Berney, Davenport, Ia.; Dr. Herbert L. Taub, Jamaica, N.Y.

Dental Education: \*Dr. Philip Blackerby, Battle Creek, Mich.; Dr. C. A. Frech, Gary, Ind.; \*Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Philadelphia.

Dental Health: Dr. Byron W. Bailey, Hanover, N.H.; \*Dr. Glenn R. Brooks, Rochester, Mich.; Dr. J. H. Eshleman, Philadelphia.

Dental Research: Dr. Thomas J. Hill, Cleveland, Ohio; \*Dr. Clemens V. Rault, Washington, D. C.

Dental Therapeutics: Dr. Lester W. Burket, Philadelphia; Dr. William B. Ingersoll, Washington, D.C.; \*Dr. Edward F. Mimmack, Buffalo, N.Y.

Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations: Dr. Herbert L. Bunker, Junction City, Kan.; Dr. Fred Hunt, Asheville, N.C.

Federal Dental Services: Dr. William H. Christensen, Bremerton, Wash.; \*Dr. F. J. Reichmann, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hospital Dental Service: \*Dr. Harold H. Hookway, Boston, Mass.; \*Dr. Frank B. Hower, Louisville, Ky.

Insurance: Dr. John W. Douglass, Greenville, S.C.; \*Dr. Francis J. Herz, San Francisco, Cal.  
International Relations: \*Dr. Obed H. Moen, Watertown, Wis.; \*Dr. Oren A. Oliver, Nashville, Tenn.

Journalism: Dr. Leon Abbey, Schenectady, N.Y.; Dr. Vincent Lawlor, Philadelphia; Dr. Morris J. Wilson, Greenville, Ky.

Judicial: \*Dr. Willard C. Fleming, San Francisco, Cal.; Dr. Maxwell Heckler, New York.

Legislation: Dr. Joseph Glaser, Jamaica, N.Y.; \*Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, Des Moines, Ia.

Membership: \*Dr. Edward W. Luebke, Chicago, Ill.; \*Dr. John R. Wallace, Winchester, Mass.

National Board of Dental Examiners: Dr. John W. Green, Springfield, Ill.; Dr. Robert I. Humphrey, Chicago, Ill.; \*Dr. H. Henry Weisengreen, San Francisco, Cal.

Registry of Dental and Oral Pathology: Dr. Harold Solomon, New York; \*Dr. Kurt H. Thoma, Brookline, Mass.

Relief: \*Dr. Malcolm R. Chipman, Spokane, Wash.; Dr. William O. Vopata, Oak Park, Ill.

Scientific Session: \*Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, Washington, D.C.; \*Dr. Charles S. Kurz, Carlyle, Ill.

DR. HILL, MR. SWEENEY  
WIN TOP A.D.A. HONORS

Two outstanding dental scientists, Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, and Mr. William T. Sweeney, of Washington, D.C., were awarded

honorary memberships, top honor of the A.D.A. The awards were unanimously approved by the House of Delegates and formally presented at the general session, Nov. 9. Dr. Hill, professor of clinical oral pathology and therapeutics at the School of Dentistry, Western Reserve University, and Mr. Sweeney, chief of the dental research section of the National Bureau of Standards, were cited "for the outstanding contributions they have made to the dental profession." Dr. Hill, immediate past chairman of the Council on Dental Therapeutics and now a member of the Council on Research, has had a distinguished career in research. He is a past president of the International Association for Dental Research and the author of some 50 reports in scientific journals. He is a dental consultant to the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Army and a member of the Advisory Council on Dental Research of the Public Health Service. He has been on the faculty of Western Reserve since receiving his degree from the dental school in 1908. Mr. Sweeney, who began his career at the National Bureau of Standards in 1922, has been a pioneer in the development of precision casting technics and use of acrylic resins in dentistry. He has been chief of the dental research section at the Bureau of Standards since May, 1954, and previously served as a physicist in the section. From 1932 to 1941, he served as a member of the A.D.A. research staff at the bureau. He is the author of some 50 scientific reports in the science of dental materials.

PUERTO RICO GOVERNOR,  
CHANCELLOR COMMENDED

Gov. Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico was unanimously commended by the House for "his statesmanship and vision" on behalf of the

people of Puerto Rico by vetoing bills attempting to lower standards of dental practice. The delegates also commended Chancellor Jaime Benitez of the University of Puerto Rico for "his diligence in upholding standards of dentistry."

DENTAL SERVICE FACILITIES  
URGED FOR TREATMENT CENTERS

On the recommendation of the Council on Dental Health, delegates unanimously approved a resolution urging constituent and component

dental societies to initiate action to see that appropriate provisions are made for dental facilities and services in diagnostic and treatment centers, chronic disease hospitals, rehabilitation facilities and nursing homes that may be constructed under the Medical Facilities Survey and Construction Act of 1954 recently passed by Congress. Delegates also directed the Council on Hospital Dental Service to prepare a statement clarifying the position of hospital dental services under the current standards and interpretations of the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals. The Council was also instructed to prepare drafts of various bylaws which could be used as models by interested agencies in developing acceptable hospital dental service programs. By unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees was authorized to continue negotiations with the American Medical Association concerning any unresolved problems in the field of oral surgery.

CERTIFICATION OF SPECIALTIES  
EXTENDED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES

In the field of education, the delegates recommended that requirements for affiliate membership on specialty boards be extended to include

residents of countries other than the United States. The resolution called for affiliate certificates to be granted if the other requirements or their equivalents are met. Delegates also approved revised requirements for approval of a dental school as submitted by the Council on Dental Education. The delegates approved in principle a proposed program of the Council on Registry of Dental and Oral Pathology under which gross and microscopic pathological material from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology would be distributed to dental schools on request.

DEFER CONSIDERATION OF  
NEW TRUSTEE DISTRICTS

By a voice vote marked by a few dissents, delegates postponed until 1955 any consideration of a proposal to revise present trustee districts.

The House directed that the Special Committee on Reorganization of Trustee Districts continue its study for another year and report to the House of Delegates at San Francisco next October. The Committee was also requested to make studies on the feasibility of reducing the size of the House of Delegates which had 403 members this year.

## SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED TO ASSOCIATION IN HOUSE

Dental Association, and Dr. G. S. Cordero, of Mexico City, president of the Mexican Dental Association. A plaque was also awarded the Association by the National Citizens Committee for Educational Television. The award, made by Robert R. Mullen, of Washington, D.C., executive director of the organization, cited the A.D.A. for its contributions on behalf of educational television. Among others extending greetings to the Association were Dr. James Dyce, of London, representing the Federation Dentaire Internationale in Britain; Dr. Aiji Kaneda, of Osaka, Japan, representing the Japanese Dental Association; Dr. Walter B. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., president of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Edwin L. Crosby, of Chicago, director of the American Hospital Association.

## DR. HARDING WINS TOP EXHIBIT PRIZE

Dr. J. C. Almy Harding, of San Diego, Calif., won first place among individual exhibits at the scientific session. Dr. Harding's exhibit was entitled, "A Formula for Predicting the Extent of Dental Caries from Roentgenograms." Second prize went to Dr. Alvin E. Strock, of Boston, Mass. Winners in other categories follow:

Federal agencies -- technical: First, Army Dental Corps; second, Cooperative research at National Bureau of Standards sponsored by American Dental Association, Air Force, Army, Navy and Veterans Administration; Third, Veterans Administration Dental Service. General Information: First, U.S. Public Health Service.

Associations, Institutions, State and Local Governments -- technical: First, University of Alabama School of Dentistry; second, Northwestern University Dental School; third, University of Kansas City School of Dentistry, University of Kansas School of Medicine. General Information: First, United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc., Dental Guidance Council for Cerebral Palsy; second, American Academy of the History of Dentistry.

## ABSTRACT DENTAL JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED BY A.D.A.

Publication of a monthly abstract journal by the editorial department of the A.D.A. was authorized by the House of Delegates. The House requested that the Board of Trustees consider the feasibility of limiting the subscription rate for the new journal for A.D.A. members to \$5. According to Dr. Lon W. Morrey, editor-in-chief of A.D.A. publications, the new journal will contain abstracts of articles from current dental literature in both the United States and foreign nations.

## LEGISLATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PLANS APPROVED

Legislation which would offer members of the dental profession an opportunity to establish their own retirement income plan was recommended by the delegates. The Council on Legislation was called on to seek or support legislation which would provide the same tax equities for dentists as individuals as are now provided for the beneficiaries of company-sponsored plans. The Association had previously gone on record in support of the Reed-Keogh bills in Congress which provide for similar programs for self-employed individuals.

## NEW DRAFT CALL FOR DENTISTS IS ISSUED IN WASHINGTON

In Miami, delegates were informed that Selective Service was to issue a final draft call for dentists and physicians under the special draft law. The call is to include 459 dentists, of whom 209 are for the Army and 150 for the Air Force. They are to be called in the three-month period, beginning in April and ending June 30, the latter date marking the expiration of the special law.

## DR. E. L. BESSETTE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF OFFICER GROUP

Dr. Edgar L. Bessette, of Cranston, R. I., was elected president of the State Society Officers Conference. Other new officers of this group are: Dr. F. A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., vice-president; and Dr. Robert C. Frates, of San Francisco, secretary.



## **SPECIAL COMMENDATION VOTED DR. HAROLD GALE OF ALBANY**

Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, retiring chairman of the Council on Legislation, was commended for his outstanding service to the Association in a resolution unanimously approved by the House of Delegates. Dr. Gale served as chairman for five years. In another action, Dr. Shailer Peterson and Mr. Reginald Sullens, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, of the Council on Dental Education, were elected as associate members of the A.D.A. Earlier, the American College of Dentists conferred an honorary degree on Mr. Herbert B. Bain, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information.

## **DENTAL SCHOOLS REPORT NEW HIGH ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment in the nation's 43 dental schools this fall set a record, Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, reported at the Miami annual session. Dr. Peterson said there are 13,000 young men and women studying dentistry -- an increase of more than 50 per cent over the enrollment of 8,590 ten years ago. Nearly 3,000 students were awarded dental degrees this year as compared with 1,574 in 1949. Dr. Peterson also reported that more than 5,000 members of the dental profession this year continued their education by going back to school.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACH \$42,919.75 ON NOV. 15**

Contributions to the American Dental Association Relief Fund totalled \$42,919.75 on Nov. 15, less than a month after the 1954-55 campaign for the Relief Fund was launched in late October. Contributions were running about \$3,500 below the total for the same date a year ago. Total contributions by individual constituent societies will be reported in the Dec. 1 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter.

## **CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY WINS SUIT AGAINST 25 DENTAL LABORATORIES**

An injunction restraining 25 Chicago dental laboratories from advertising to the public or dealing directly with the public is scheduled to be signed Nov. 30 in Cook County Superior Court. The action will climax a suit started by the Chicago Dental Society against a group of laboratories four years ago. Superior Judge Frank M. Padden Nov. 15 directed attorneys in the case to appear before him Nov. 30 when he said he would issue a permanent injunction against the laboratories. The suit, which has been watched as a key test case by dental societies throughout the country, charged that dental laboratory operators had violated the Illinois state dental practice act by soliciting business from the public by such tactics as advertising in newspapers, displaying neon signs and showing window displays. The suit also charged that the laboratories practiced dentistry by taking impressions, making dentures for the public and repairing dentures for the public. Dr. Samuel Kleiman, president of the Chicago Dental Society, hailed the decision as a "great victory for public health." In the suit, the Chicago Dental Society is represented by John R. Porter, a member of the Chicago law firm of Eckert, Peterson and Lowry.

## **FLUORIDATION WINS IN TWO COMMUNITIES; TURNED DOWN IN SEVEN OTHERS**

Seven communities rejected fluoridation of public water supplies and two approved the measure in referendums held throughout the country Nov. 2, according to an Associated Press survey. The A.P. report said Palo Alto, Calif., and Mountain Home, Ark., approved the procedure, while it was turned down in Salem, Ore.; Meadville, Penn.; Greensboro, N.C.; Birmingham, Ala.; Atlantic City, N.J.; Freemont, Neb., and Sunnyvale, Calif.

## **600,000 PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PREPAID DENTAL CARE, SURVEY REVEALS**

Nearly 600,000 persons are eligible for dental care under prepaid health plans, a Department of Health, Education and Welfare survey discloses. Plans studied in the survey provide medical, surgical, dental or hospital coverage for nine million persons and are not associated with Blue Cross, Blue Shield, or commercial carriers. Many are group practice clinics, some of which serve union members exclusively. A breakdown of coverage by type of plan showed 363,000 workers and dependents are eligible for dental care under employer-employee plans; 62,000 under union plans; 147,000 under community-wide plans; 14,000 under consumer plans, and 9,000 persons under fraternal plans.