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## SLIGHT DROP IN MILITARY RATIO WOULD LESSEN NEED FOR SPECIAL DRAFT ACT FOR DENTISTS, REPORT OF HEALTH RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDICATES

A slight reduction in the ratio of dental officers to members of the armed forces could make unnecessary any continuation of the special doctor-draft law to cover dentists. That was indicated in a report issued last week by the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization. The chairman is Dr. Howard Rusk. The report concluded that the present numbers of dental school graduates were not adequate to meet current needs of the armed forces. The conclusion was at variance with results of a new survey of junior and senior dental students sponsored by the Department of Defense and the Health Resources Advisory Committee in cooperation with the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. The survey indicated that substantially, if not all, of the military needs of the armed services for the fiscal year 1956, beginning next July, could be met by members of the '55 graduating class. The dentist-physician draft law is scheduled to expire June 30. President Eisenhower has called for a two-year extension of the law. The A.D.A. went on record opposing the continuation at the annual session in Miami last November. The issue also took the limelight in a Department of Defense conference with Association representatives at the Pentagon Feb. 2. Defense Department officials indicated that while the department did not anticipate making use of the special draft law, with respect to dentists, it was in favor of having the special legislation continued on the books as a standby in the event of an unforeseen all-out emergency. It was also indicated that there was a more urgent need for the legislation to assure a continuing supply of physicians, restricted sharply under a new residency deferment program for physicians. Defense Department officials will meet again with A.D.A. representatives at a meeting of the Council on Federal Dental Services March 6 and 7 in Chicago. Meanwhile, the current draft call for 459 dental officers for April induction will be discussed at a meeting of the Rusk Committee Thursday and Friday (Feb. 17 and 18). The A.D.A. has contended that the call should be reduced, particularly in view of the President's announcement of an over-all reduction in armed forces strength. Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans, is the dentist member of the committee.

### RATIO FOUND TO BE HIGHER IN PEACETIME THAN IN WAR

was reduced from six medical officers to 1,000 troops at the outbreak of World War II to 3.3 last year, while the ratio of dental officers has continued at approximately the same ratio of nearly two per 1,000 troops since the beginning of World War II. A.D.A. Spokesmen noted that the highest ratio, of 1.9, came after the end of the Korean conflict during peacetime rather than during the fighting when the ratio ranged from 1.5 to 1.7. Referring to the ratio of nearly two per 1,000, the report said: "It would seem that the question is not whether the military can profitably use dentists at this level, but the effect of their withdrawal on the civilian health and the availability of dentists in the civilian population to maintain such staffing levels." A.D.A. representatives also questioned the report's estimated number of dental officers that would be needed as replacements each year. The report indicated that the dental corps strength will be composed for the next few years of 1,500 regular officers and 4,100 temporary officers. According to information obtained by the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services, the dental services on the average maintain about 500 career reserve officers on extended active duty, in addition to the regular officers. This would mean that the dental services would require some

In its report, the Health Resources Advisory Committee again pointed out that the ratio of physicians to members of the armed services

3,600 temporary dental officers rather than the 4,100 indicated in the report. In its report, the committee also emphasized the need for more effective use of professional health manpower in the armed forces to reduce the total needs and for a build-up of the regular corps of career officers.

#### STUDENT SURVEY SHOWS LIABILITY UNDER DRAFT

In the survey of dental students, a breakdown of the returns as tabulated by the Council on Dental Education, showed that about 1,600 seniors in

last June's graduating class could be readily classified as draft eligible while approximately 1,800 juniors could be similarly classified. Purpose of the survey was two-fold: to identify specifically the individual dental students according to potential liability under the regular draft law, and (2) with the Defense Department as the coordinating agency, to allocate among the three armed services the draft eligible dentists. Information from Washington indicates that the Navy and Air Force have received enough applications from the senior classes to fill their needs for the fiscal year, beginning next July, while the Army is now in the process of filling its needs. A.D.A. officials viewed the survey results as an indication that the requirements of the armed forces could be met largely from the graduating classes without the necessity for recourse to a special draft.

#### FIRST FLUORIDE STUDY PASSES TEN-YEAR MARK; DRS. HUTTON, MCKAY HONORED

The results of fluoridation "are almost too marvelous to describe," Dr. William L. Hutton health director of Brant County, Ontario, reported in Detroit Feb. 2 at special ceremonies commemorating the completion of the first ten years of fluoridation at Grand Rapids, Mich. The Grand Rapids program is the first controlled study in the country to pass the ten year mark. Dr. Hutton and Dr. F. S. McKay, of Colorado Springs, Colo., were honored by the Detroit District Dental Society for their pioneering work on the public health measure. Dr. McKay is credited with the original observation that mottled enamel was more resistant to dental caries than normally calcified teeth. In an address, Dr. Hutton said that after nearly ten years of fluoridation at Brantford, Ontario, "there are no ill effects whatsoever." Other speakers at the ceremonies included Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research and one of the early workers in fluoride research; Dr. Philip Jay, of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry at Ann Arbor, and Dr. Thomas Parran, dean of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh and former surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service.

#### FLUORIDATION PANEL PLANNED FOR NATIONAL HEALTH FORUM

A panel discussion on the responsibility of the community regarding fluoridation of domestic water supplies will be presented as part of the

National Health Forum March 23-24 at the Hotel Sheraton Astor in New York City. The forum is sponsored by the National Health Council. Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, will discuss facts and fallacies on fluoridation; Mr. Al Schottelkotte, science editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, will review the city's unsuccessful fluoridation campaign, and Mr. Herbert B. Bain, of Chicago, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, will review successful campaigns throughout the nation.

#### RECORD SET FOR JANUARY MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS AS TOTAL REACHES 39,264

The number of A.D.A. members whose 1955 dues were paid by Jan. 31 reached 39,264, some 5,000 higher than last year's figure and the largest first-month membership total in A.D.A. history. The number of fully privileged members was 30,920, including 27,190 active and 3,730 life members. Student members totaled 8,171, also a new record for January. Constituent society secretaries were requested to forward dues as promptly as possible so as not to endanger the status of their members. Individuals whose dues are not received by the March 31 deadline cease to be members in good standing and their participation in Association insurance programs may be jeopardized. Additionally, the dentist's subscription to The Journal of the American Dental Association and his listing in the A.D.A. Directory may be discontinued.

Following is a list of contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to Feb. 11 by constituent societies.

QUOTA OF \$925.00 or UNDERQUOTA OVER \$925.00

1954-55				1954-55			
	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>		<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Air Force	\$600.00	\$ 366.25	61.0	California	\$3,820.00	\$3,746.50	98.1
ALABAMA	800.00	1,466.50	183.3	SO. CALIF.	4,580.00	7,355.50	160.6
ALASKA	60.00	163.00	271.7	Colorado	960.00	946.00	98.5
Arizona	300.00	104.00	34.7	Connecticut	1,940.00	1,762.50	90.9
ARKANSAS	560.00	578.50	103.3	Florida	1,380.00	1,334.00	96.7
Army	580.00	523.50	90.3	GEORGIA	1,020.00	1,486.00	145.7
DELAWARE	150.00	158.00	105.3	Illinois	7,240.00	7,090.06	97.9
Dist. of Col.	830.00	813.50	98.0	Indiana	2,340.00	2,322.00	99.2
HAWAII	350.00	554.00	158.3	IOWA	1,780.00	2,023.00	113.7
IDAHO	260.00	301.50	116.0	Kansas	960.00	868.65	90.5
Maine	460.00	308.00	67.0	KENTUCKY	1,130.00	1,338.30	118.4
Mississippi	530.00	475.00	89.6	Louisiana	1,020.00	956.50	93.8
MONTANA	370.00	518.00	140.0	MARYLAND	1,060.00	1,091.00	102.9
Navy	920.00	457.50	49.7	Massachusetts	3,690.00	1,734.50	47.0
NEVADA	100.00	128.50	128.5	Michigan	4,100.00	4,052.15	98.8
New Hampshire	300.00	216.00	72.0	Minnesota	2,840.00	2,811.05	99.0
NEW MEXICO	240.00	246.50	102.7	Missouri	2,450.00	2,436.50	99.4
NORTH DAKOTA	330.00	528.55	160.2	NEBRASKA	1,060.00	1,148.00	108.3
OKLAHOMA	920.00	965.00	104.9	New Jersey	4,020.00	3,963.50	98.6
PANAMA C.Z.	10.00	10.00	100.0	New York	15,200.00	9,915.50	65.2
P.H. SERVICE	210.00	270.50	128.8	N. CAROLINA	1,240.00	1,264.00	101.9
Puerto Rico	190.00	135.50	71.3	Ohio	4,920.00	4,168.75	84.7
RHODE ISLAND	560.00	655.00	117.0	OREGON	1,230.00	1,242.00	101.0
S. Carolina	450.00	314.50	69.9	Pennsylvania	6,810.00	4,999.75	73.4
S. Dakota	350.00	141.00	40.3	TENNESSEE	1,310.00	3,583.00	273.5
UTAH	470.00	513.50	109.3	Texas	3,190.00	2,382.50	74.7
Vermont	200.00	142.00	71.0	Virginia	1,150.00	1,108.50	96.4
Vet. Admin.	810.00	315.00	38.9	WASHINGTON	1,800.00	2,108.00	117.1
W. Virginia	760.00	703.50	92.6	Wisconsin	2,930.00	2,114.50	72.2
Wyoming	160.00	140.50	87.8				
TOTAL	\$12,830.00	\$12,212.80	95.2		\$87,170.00	\$81,352.21	93.3

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	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
QUOTAS OF \$925 OR UNDER	\$ 12,830.00	\$12,212.80	95.2
QUOTAS OVER \$925	87,170.00	81,352.21	93.3
STUDENTS		625.00	
MEMORIALS		240.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		1.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$94,431.01	94.4

## **DR. DANIEL F. LYNCH HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN WASHINGTON**

More than 500 persons honored Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., president of the A.D.A., at a testimonial dinner Monday (Feb. 14) in Washington. The event, sponsored by the District of Columbia Dental Society, was held in the Statler Hotel. In addition to a number of Association officials, the assemblage included presidents of state dental societies in the District of Columbia area and officers of the bar association, medical societies, and service and civic clubs, as well as Dr. Walter Martin, of Norfolk, Va., president of the American Medical Association. The principal speakers were Dr. Robert W. Boldwell, of Washington, dean of the graduate school of George Washington University, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary. A scroll and a gift of luggage were presented to Dr. Lynch on behalf of the District of Columbia Society by Dr. Karl Hayden Wood, the president. Among others paying tribute to Dr. Lynch at the event were the three vice-presidents of the Association, Dr. Curtis A. Haggard, of Miami; Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Penn., and Dr. John E. Fauber, of Washington, D.C.; and five A.D.A. trustees, including Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City; Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York; Dr. Howard B. Higgins, of Spartanburg, S.C.; Dr. Charles H. Patton, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Charles I. Taggart, of Burlington, Vt. Among others at the testimonial were Mr. Renah Camalier, District of Columbia commissioner, and Dr. Walter T. McFall, of Asheville, N.C., representing Psi Omega fraternity. Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, of Washington, served as toastmaster and chairman and Dr. James P. Kerrigan, of Washington, served as co-chairman.

## **RHODE ISLAND COURT RULES AGAINST ADVERTISING BY DENTAL LABS**

It is illegal for Rhode Island dental laboratories to advertise that they can make artificial dentures directly for the public. This in essence was the far-reaching decision handed down Feb. 9 by Judge John E. Mullen of the state Superior Court in Providence. The plaintiff in the year-old suit, the state board of dental examiners, was granted a permanent injunction preventing the Irving Dental Lab., Inc., from (1) practicing dentistry; (2) using the word "dentists" in connection with its name, and (3) stating or implying in advertisements that it can perform dental operations. Judge Mullen called Dr. Morris Sweet, Providence and Woonsocket dentist, a "front" and an agent for the laboratory. Although Dr. Sweet took impressions and fitted the dentures made by the laboratory's technicians, Judge Mullen held that the laboratory was practicing dentistry illegally because of its newspaper advertisements and signs appealing directly for public business. Commercial laboratories may advertise, he ruled, but the advertisements must make clear that dentures and other prosthetic devices are produced only "on the prescription of a duly licensed dentist, and by impressions and casts made by a duly licensed and practicing dentist."

## **COUNCIL ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF NINE NEW HOSPITAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Additional internship and residency programs in nine hospitals were approved by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education at its meeting Feb. 3-4 in the Central Office. Training programs have now been accredited in 148 hospitals, according to Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, Battle Creek, Mich., Council chairman. The Council also announced plans to begin approving some hospital training programs on a provisional basis. The nine hospitals are: Delaware Hospital, Wilmington; Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Ill.; Indiana University Medical Center Hospital, Indianapolis; U.S. Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Md.; Albert Einstein Medical Center -- Southern Division, Philadelphia; Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; City-County Hospital, Dallas, Texas; Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston, Texas, and William Beaumont General Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas. In other action, the Council completed final plans for the third Workshop on Dental Hygiene to be held March 23 and 24 at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago. Goal of the workshop, according to Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, Council secretary, is the establishment of a national testing program to evaluate the education of dental hygienists.

## **2,500 LINEN SUPPLY TRUCKS TO CARRY DENTAL HEALTH MESSAGE IN MARCH**

More than 2,500 delivery trucks of the Linen Supply Association of America next month will again display dental health posters. "Be Safe. See your Dentist Twice a Year" will be the theme of the four-color placards.

## 11 NEW STATE SOCIETIES EXCEED QUOTAS IN RELIEF FUND DRIVE -- TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$94,431, ONLY \$5,569 SHORT OF GOAL

Eleven new state societies exceeded their quotas in the Relief Fund drive as total contributions reached \$94,431 on Feb. 11. Only \$5,569 is needed to reach the \$100,000 goal. Over the 100 per cent mark for the first time this year were Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island and Utah. In all, 24 states and the Public Health Service have topped their quotas. With 95.2 per cent of quota contributed, the smaller societies (quotas under \$925) continued their lead of nearly two percentage points over the larger societies (quotas of \$925 or over). In addition to those societies which have already reached their quotas, 16 constituents have passed the 90 per cent mark and eight are over 98 per cent. Only 16 societies have contributed less than 90 per cent of quota. A complete breakdown of contributions by state societies and federal dental services to Feb. 11 is listed on the accompanying page.

## A.D.A. RESOLUTION ON WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

A resolution adopted by the A.D.A. House of Delegates calling for increased U.S. support of the World Health Organization appeared in the Congressional Record last week. The resolution was placed in the publication by Sen. Wiley (R., Wis.) who noted that President Eisenhower in his health message to Congress had urged increased contribution to WHO. The A.D.A. and the Federation Dentaire Internationale have long sought expansion of WHO activities to include the establishment of a permanent program on dental health. The complete text of the resolution adopted by the House in Miami last November follows:

Whereas, the present assessment of the U.S. government for the support of the World Health Organization is limited by a statute adopted in 1949 to a ceiling of \$3 million, and

Whereas, the effect of this limitation on the U.S. government is to impose severe restrictions on the budget of WHO and to prevent increased assessments on other member nations, and

Whereas, the American Dental Association believes that WHO should have sufficient resources so that it can fulfill its role in all fields of health, and

Whereas, the American Dental Association has officially recorded itself in support of a full-time dental consultant on the staff of the World Health Organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the interest of the American Dental Association in removing the present ceiling on this nation's assessment for the World Health Organization be expressed to the members of the Congress of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Three new honorary dental consultants have been named to the chief of the dental division of the U.S. Navy. They are Rear Admiral C. Raymond Wells, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. Oswald M. Dressen, dental dean of Marquette University, Milwaukee, and Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dental dean at the University of California, San Francisco...The American Board of Oral Surgery will hold examinations April 16-18 at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. Information can be obtained from Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of 718 Roshek Bldg., Dubuque, Iowa, secretary of the board and immediate past president of the A.D.A... Dr. William S. Middleton, dean of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, has been named medical director of the Veterans Administration, effective March 1. He succeeds Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone, resigning for health reasons...Dental equipment from the office of the late Dr. Greene Vardiman Black has been used to equip an 1875 dental office in the Smithsonian Institution...Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding April 20-22....Dr. John M. Whitney is the new director of health services of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. He was formerly director of the FCDA casualty care division....Capt. Curtiss W. Schantz has been installed as commander of the Bethesda, Md., Naval Dental School, succeeding Rear Admiral Ralph W. Taylor.