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A.D.A. REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSE FIVE-YEAR \$50 MILLION GRANT PROGRAM FOR DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOLS IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Representatives of the A.D.A. urged the inclusion of dental schools and schools of dental hygiene at Senate hearings last week on two bills for federal aid to medical schools. Testifying on behalf of the Association before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, Dr. Ralph E. Creig, of Cleveland, a member of the Council on Legislation, recommended that a five-year, \$50 million matching grant program for dental and dental hygiene schools be incorporated in one of the bills. As the measure (S. 1323) now stands, it authorizes a system of matching grants to assist in the construction of new facilities and the expansion and improvement of present facilities for schools of medicine. "The progressively increased demand for dental care coupled with the rapid growth of this nation's population make it imperative that the supply of dentists and dental auxiliary personnel keep pace with that demand and growth," Dr. Creig said. On the second bill (Part E of S. 434), designed primarily to help schools of medicine and nursing meet costs of instruction and other operating costs, Dr. Creig cited a 1952 survey of dental schools which indicated that the median basic operating expense for each student was at least \$800 more than tuition charges.

FUNDS URGED TO STIMULATE NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

who reported that while the schools had spent over \$40 million during the past five years in remodeling, expansion and equipment, there was an immediate need for \$40 million in additional funds. Dr. Peterson, who based the figures on a 1955 survey of the schools by the council, said that during the next five years, the 43 dental schools now in operation will need at least \$60 million more to make for a total of \$100 million. He pointed out that four new dental schools are expected to begin admitting students within the next two years and added: "It is reasonable to expect that a source of federal grants will bring forth the necessary matching funds not now available. It may likewise stimulate a further increase in the number of new schools of dentistry and dental hygiene.

Testimony on behalf of the Association was offered by Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Education,

HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES EXTENSION OF DENTIST-PHYSICIAN DRAFT ACT

draft act. The bill calls for continuation of the \$100-a-month extra compensation for all dental and medical officers in the armed forces. It also provides that a dentist or physician 35 years or older who had been rejected previously for physical reasons would be exempt from induction under the special draft act. Eliminated from the bill was a measure for the creation of government-financed dental and medical scholarships.

In other action in Congress, the House Armed Services Committee voted 24 to 0 last week for a two-year extension of the dentist-physician

TESTIMONY ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SCHEDULED

before a Senate appropriations subcommittee. Representing the Association will be Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, of Des Moines, Ia., member of the Council on Legislation, and Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Research.

Testimony on appropriations for dental activities in the U.S. Public Health Service will be presented by A.D.A. representatives May 19

A.D.A. CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP MEETS; EXPANDED ROLE FOR DENTISTS URGED

An expansion of the role of dentists in civil defense to include training in detection of radiation fall-out was urged last week-end at a meeting of the A.D.A. Subcommittee on Civil Defense in the Central Office. Dr. Carl Sebelius, of Nashville, presided at the two-day meeting. Civil defense activities in dental schools, in dental societies and in local communities were studied by the subcommittee. In addition to subcommittee members, participants in the meeting included Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., national dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration; Dr. Glenn E. Cartwright, of Chicago, regional FCDA consultant, and Mr. Frank W. Barton, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on National Defense of the American Medical Association. Announcement of the proposed expansion of dentistry's participation in civil defense, in addition to activities in the casualty service, was made by Dr. Bunting. He urged training of dentists in radiological defense, particularly monitoring of residual radiation due to fall-out following a nuclear explosion. "With their familiarity with x-ray and radiation hazards," he said, "dentists could quickly learn the technics of radiation detection. Dentists are located everywhere, and each in his own locality could play an important role in national defense." Dentists and dental societies interested in radiological defense may obtain further information from Dr. Bunting, Federal Civil Defense Administration, Battle Creek, Mich.

DENTISTS URGED TO ATTEND A.M.A. DEFENSE CONFERENCE

A.D.A. members are invited to attend an A.M.A. civil defense conference in Atlantic City on June 4. Mr. Barton urged particularly that dentists in the eastern coast city area be at the conference. Dentists interested in attending are asked to write Mr. Barton at the A.M.A. headquarters, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

DR. BRANDHORST TO BE HONORED BY MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, president of the American Dental Association during 1951-1952 and one of the nation's outstanding dental leaders, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the annual commencement exercises of the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, May 31. Dr. Brandhorst currently is serving as an advisor to the official United States delegation to the Seventh World Health Assembly in Mexico City. He recently served as a member of the Task Force on Medical Services of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, commonly known as the Hoover Commission. Dr. Brandhorst also is chairman of the Association's Special Committee on the Survey of Dentistry.

B. J. BEAZLEY NAMED FOR DENTAL TRADES, FEDERAL DENTAL SERVICES COUNCILS

Two appointments to the A.D.A. staff were announced this week by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, Association secretary. Mr. Bernard J. Beazley, of Chicago, was named secretary of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations and of the Council on Federal Dental Services, effective June 6. In his new post, Mr. Beazley, will succeed Mr. Bernard J. Conway on the two councils. Mr. Conway, who is secretary of the Council on Legislation, has been supervising staff activities of the two councils. Mr. Beazley, a graduate of Loyola University Law School in Chicago, comes to the Association from the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology. Formerly, he was in the trust department of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago. He has also served on the faculty of the Loyola Business School and is an Air Force veteran of World War II.

APPOINT DR. PAUL GLUCKSMAN TO NEW ABSTRACTS JOURNAL

The second appointment is that of Dr. Paul H. Glucksman, of Chicago, who was named to the editorial staff, as of June 1. Dr. Glucksman, who will assist in the development of the new journal, Dental Abstracts, will specialize in translating and preparing articles from the German, French, Italian and Balkan dental literature. He holds Ph.D. degrees from both Vienna University and the University of Gottingen, in Germany. Dr. Glucksman has served as editor of dictionaries for the Follett Publishing Co., as director of foreign publications of the European-American Literary Agency and as director of the foreign language department of Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. The new abstract journal for dentistry is to make its appearance in January, 1956.

NEWBURGH-KINGSTON FLUORIDATION STUDY REACHED TEN-YEAR MARK -- SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS OF PROCEDURE UNDERLINED IN NEW REPORT

The tenth anniversary of the Newburgh-Kingston (N.Y.) fluoridation study was marked recently by a report emphatically underlining the measure's safety and effectiveness. Dr. David B. Ast, state dental director and the chief of the study, revealed that the overall reduction in the dental decay rate of Newburgh children, who drank fluoridated water, was 60 per cent, as compared to Kingston children, who drank fluoride-deficient water. Dr. Edward R. Schlesinger, associate director of the division of medical sciences of the state health department, reported that extensive physical examinations of the children again emphasized the safety of the measure. In addition to general physical pediatric examinations, there were x-ray studies of the hands, forearms and knees, and blood and urine analyses. Shortly before the report was issued, Mayor Wagner of New York City asked the Board of Health to re-examine the question of fluoridation although the board had twice endorsed it. The New York Herald Tribune commented editorially: "This time the case for fluoridation should be stated so emphatically that there can be no room for doubt. The program for good teeth must go forward." Meanwhile, the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health reported there are now 1,071 communities, with a total population of 20,597,000, with fluoridation programs in operation.

EAST AND WEST COAST COMMUNITIES REJECT ANTI-FLUORIDE CAMPAIGNS

Two widely separated communities rejected anti-fluoridation campaigns and re-endorsed the measure during the first half of May. On the East coast, the city of Winchester, Mass., which in March had approved the measure at a representative town meeting, on May 4 reiterated its endorsement in a referendum by a vote of 779 to 504. On the West Coast, Palo Alto, Calif., underlined its approval of fluoridation in November, 1954, by rejecting an anti-fluoride referendum by a vote of 5,646 to 4,498. Commenting on the campaign, the San Francisco Chronicle said: "The verdict of the American Dental Association is that the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation in preventing tooth decay 'has been proved beyond any reasonable doubt.' So has the good sense of the majority of Palo Alto voters."

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP MOVING TOWARD NEW HIGH; REACHES 79,133 ON APRIL 30

Total membership in the A.D.A. reached 79,133 on April 30, the highest figure ever attained for that date. The number of fully privileged members on April 30 was 69,814 including 66,149 active and 3,665 life members. The figures for other categories were: affiliate, 194; associate, 15; honorary, 12, and student, 9,098. It was pointed out that dentists whose dues are not received by June 30 cannot be listed in the 1956 A.D.A. Directory as Association members.

RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN CLIMBS TO ANOTHER RECORD TOTAL OF \$110,663

The current Relief Fund campaign continued to set records as the total climbed to \$110,633 on May 15, the highest one-year figure in the Fund's history. Arizona more than doubled its quota during the first half of May, bringing to 43 the number of societies and federal services which have passed 100 per cent. Only nine societies and three federal services have failed to reach at least 90 per cent of quota. The campaign will continue through June 30. .

RESEARCH COUNCIL CONDEMNS USE OF ITS NAME IN VITAMINS ADS

Vitamin products being advertised to dentists as "National Research Council recommended formulas or standards" have not been approved by the N.R.C. and use of the Council's name is "inexcusable." This was the statement issued recently by the Council which termed the advertisements a "misrepresentation" of an N.R.C. report made in 1952.

DR. J. R. ROBINSON IS NAMED DENTAL DIRECTOR FOR HAWAII

Dr. J. R. Robinson, of Honolulu, has been named director of the newly organized division of dental health of the Department of Health in the Territory of Hawaii. Prior to his appointment he served six years as director of the division of dental health in the Louisville and Jefferson County (Ky.) Board of Health. The offices of the new division are in the Kapuaiwa Building, Honolulu, T.H.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS HEAVY FOR A.D.A. MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO -- EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Plans for a broad program of activities at the 96th annual session of the A.D.A. in San Francisco are well advanced, according to Dr. Francis Herz, of San Francisco, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements. The four-day meeting will be held Oct. 17-20. Advance reservations indicate the meeting may be the largest in the Association's history. Reservations are available through the A.D.A. Housing Bureau. Reservation applications, made out on the official form in The Journal of the American Dental Association, should be sent directly to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 61 Grove St., San Francisco 2. In addition to Dr. Herz as chairman, honorary chairmen for the meeting are Dr. Bernard C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, A.D.A. president-elect; Dr. Frank Casto, of La Jolla, Calif., A.D.A. past president; Dr. John R. Abel, of Beverly Hills, Calif., member of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees; Dr. John B. Milliken, of San Francisco, and Dr. R. Chester Dalglish, of Salt Lake City, both former A.D.A. trustees; Dr. Raoul H. Blanquie, chairman for the 1936 San Francisco meeting; Dr. William B. Ryder, of San Francisco, and Dr. Charles H. Alter, of Pomona, Calif. Other officers of the committee are Dr. Robert O. Schraft, vice-chairman, and Dr. Lawrence R. Ludwigsen, secretary-treasurer, both of San Francisco. The chairman and vice-chairmen of committees, all of San Francisco, are: Dr. Edward H. Windeler and Dr. W. Gordon Hazlett, reception; Dr. Edward J. Lattig and Dr. Herbert E. Ward, information services; Dr. Reuben L. Blake and Dr. Raymond M. Curtner, publicity; Dr. T. Galt Atwood and Dr. L. Rizal Musser, entertainment and social events; Dr. George T. Quigg and Dr. Walter C. Harrison, clinics and motion pictures; and Mrs. Robert O. Schraft and Mrs. Walter C. Harrison, women's entertainment.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KOREAN DENTAL FUND CLIMB TO \$10,448

Contributions to the special dental fund of the American-Korean Foundation mounted to \$10,448 on May 12, it was reported by Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations. More than 3,800 U.S. dentists thus far have contributed to the fund which will be used to rehabilitate dental education and dental services in South Korea. Dr. Oliver and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., A.D.A. president, are co-chairmen of the campaign. Among the group contributors was the Third District (Butte) Dental Society of Montana which voted \$75 for the Foundation's work. Meanwhile, it was announced that South Korea's second dental school, at Taegu Medical College and Hospital, has been opened. Forty-four students are enrolled in the predental program.

HARVARD SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE, FORSYTH DENTAL INFIRMARY AFFILIATED

Affiliation of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children, both in Boston, was announced this week by Dr. Roy O. Greep, dean of the school, and Dr. Howard M. Marjerison, director of Forsyth. "Affiliation with Forsyth," Dr. Greep said, "will greatly strengthen the school's teaching and research program. Students will continue to receive the major portion of their clinical training in the school's own dental clinic and at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's Medical Center. Clinical work at Forsyth will be under the supervision of the infirmary staff."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. William A. Fennelly, of New York City, has been appointed chairman of the general committee on local arrangements for the 1959 centennial meeting of the A.D.A. by the Board of Trustees. Dates for the 100th anniversary meeting are Sept. 21 through 24....Dr. Earl O. Butcher, chairman of the department of anatomy at the College of Dentistry, New York University, has been appointed assistant dean of the college....The Second District Dental Society of the State of New York will hold a mortgage-burning ceremony at its headquarters in Brooklyn May 19. The ceremony will mark the final payment of indebtedness on the one and a half story building, constructed in 1952 at a cost of approximately \$100,000....Gov. John Simms of New Mexico has named Dr. Ralph Lopez, of Santa Fe, to the board of regents of the University of New Mexico....The 1955 editions of "Distribution of Dentists in the United States" and "Facts About States for the Dentists Seeking a Location" are now being mailed to all senior and junior dental students and to constituent and component dental societies. Individual copies may be obtained from the A.D.A. Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics.