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POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR DENTISTS IN THEIR 40'S POSSIBLE IN NEW INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dentist members of state advisory committees to Selective Service were instructed last week to permit dentists 40 years of age and older to request postponement of orders to active military duty. The instructions, issued in a wire signed by Dr. Howard Rusk, chairman of the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization, called on the dentist members of the committees to review the status of all dentists over 40 who have been commissioned but have not yet entered active duty. The directive, which covered dentists included in the March Selective Service call for 459 dental officers, also pointed out that a number of new dental graduates would soon be available for active service. The telegram said: "In view of availability of new graduates soon, request immediate review on basis of essentiality of dentists on call Number 24 (the March call), age 40 and over, desiring delay in call to duty. Wire names, addresses and service in which commissioned or to which application has been made to Dr. (Paul) Barton immediately." Dr. Barton is executive secretary of the Health Resources Advisory Committee.

SCHEDULE SENATE HEARINGS FOR JUNE 9-10 ON DRAFT

9-10 on extension of the special dentist-physician draft act which is scheduled to expire June 30. Representing the Association at the hearings, which will be conducted by the Senate Armed Services Committee, will be Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation, and Mr. Bernard J. Conway, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Legislation. A two-year extension of the doctor draft law was approved by the House Armed Services Committee May 10 but has been tied up in the House Rules Committee. At a session May 17, Chairman Smith (D, Va) of the Rules Committee raised a number of objections to the bill and the committee did not clear the measure for House action. In a letter to Chairman Smith, Mr. Conway reiterated the Association policy that, except for an all-out emergency, all reasonable dental needs of the military services could be met without recourse to a special draft law.

While action was being taken to defer calls on dentists in their 40's the Association was informed that Senate hearings will be held June

DEFERMENT URGED FOR STUDENTS SEEKING CAREERS IN RESEARCH

assist students interested in a teaching or research career in a basic science department in securing military deferment through the student's local Selective Service Board. Dr. Barton said that under the Selective Service law there has been "an almost complete absence of recruits for these important fields of medical and dental education and research" and added: "This will have a disastrous effect on medical and dental education for the next generation or longer."

In other activity on the draft issue, Dr. Barton of the Health Resources Advisory Committee urged deans of dental and medical schools to

DR. GEORGE C. PAFFENBARGER IS HONORED BY GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., A.D.A. senior research associate at the National Bureau of Standards, was presented the Award of Merit for 1955 of the School of Dentistry, Georgetown University, at ceremonies May 26. The award was conferred for "significant contributions to dental research in the field of dental materials during the past 25 years."

14 SPECIAL PANELS TO BE PRESENTED ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AT A.D.A. SESSION

Programs of particular interest to the general practitioner, including 14 special panels on the newest developments in dentistry, will be presented at the 96th annual session of the Association to be held Oct. 17 through 20 in San Francisco. Final details for the scientific program were completed last week at a meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session at Association headquarters. Dr. Charles S. Kurz, of Carlyle, Ill., chairman of the council, said that the scientific program promises to be one of the most extensive ever staged at an annual session. Forty-nine hotels have pledged accommodations for the four-day meeting in the Golden Gate city. Applications for hotel reservations should be made on the application form in The Journal of the American Dental Association and mailed to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 61 Grove St., San Francisco 2. All hotels are easily accessible to the Civic Auditorium where the scientific program will be held. Among subjects to be discussed at special panels by leading scientists and educators are local and general anesthesia, oral symptoms of systemic diseases, developments in the field of silver amalgam, emotional problems in children, selection and use of restorative materials and new methods for cutting tooth structure. Others are x-ray and pathologic interpretation of mouth lesions, control of dental caries, occlusion in the maintenance of oral health, pulp response to operative procedures, administration of dental public health programs, pain problems in the practice of dentistry, orthodontic procedures and the dentist's health.

A.D.A. COUNCIL CITES NEED TO LIMIT NUMBER OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES

There is a need for limiting the number of dental specialties and for redefining the specialty areas. This was the substance of a resolution adopted last week by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education at its meeting in Chicago. Presiding at the two-day meeting was Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, Jr., of Battle Creek, Mich., council chairman. The council voted to hold a workshop on dental specialties in 1956 with representatives of the American Association of Dental Schools, the American Association of Dental Examiners, and specialty boards and groups in order to "consider a workable plan of defining and recognizing the dental specialty areas." The moratorium on acceptance of new specialty applications will continue "until a solution is reached...to prevent over-segmenting dental practice," the council resolution said. In other action, the council: approved residency and internship training programs in 14 new hospitals, bringing the total number to 163; agreed to conduct a survey on the military status of senior dental students this fall in cooperation with the Department of Defense; voted to conduct a workshop on the training of dental laboratory technicians.

FULL APPROVAL VOTED BAYLOR DENTAL SCHOOL

At its meeting, the Council on Dental Education voted to grant full approval to Baylor University College of Dentistry and to four dental hygiene programs. Two of the dental hygiene programs, at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, were accredited for the first time, and two other programs, at the Erie County Technical Institute in Buffalo, and at the Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester, were raised from provisional approval to full approval.

DR. RUSSELL BUNTING RECEIVES FONES AWARD OF CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION

Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, was presented with the annual Alfred C. Fones Award of the Connecticut State Dental Association at the society's annual meeting in Hartford May 19. The award, for distinguished service to dentistry, was made by Gov. A. A. Ribicoff of Connecticut.

PUBLIC SPENDS \$155,700,000 FOR DENTIFRICES IN ONE YEAR

The public spent an estimated \$155,700,000 for dentifrices in 1954, according to figures reported in Tide magazine. The publication listed expenditures for dentifrices for the past eight years. The 1954 sum represented a 73.4 per cent increase over the amount reported for 1947 when \$89,806,000 was spent on dentifrices. Tooth pastes took by far the largest part of the consumer dollars in comparison with tooth powders and liquid dentifrices. Last year, tooth paste sales of \$145 million accounted for 93 per cent of the expenditures on dentifrices. The amount spent for liquid dentifrices was only \$200,000 in 1954 while the expenditure for tooth powders last year was \$10,500,000.

Following is a list of contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to May 31 by constituent societies and Federal Services:

<u>QUOTA OF \$925.00 or UNDER</u>				<u>QUOTA OVER \$925.00</u>			
		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	\$ 421.25	70.2	CALIFORNIA	\$3,820.00	\$4,326.00	113.2
ALABAMA	800.00	1,623.50	202.9	SO. CALIFORNIA	4,580.00	8,952.50	195.5
ALASKA	60.00	178.00	296.7	COLORADO	960.00	1,097.50	114.3
ARIZONA	300.00	600.00	200.0	CONNECTICUT	1,940.00	1,977.50	101.9
ARKANSAS	560.00	663.50	118.5	FLORIDA	1,380.00	1,579.00	114.4
Army	580.00	545.50	94.1	GEORGIA	1,020.00	1,509.10	148.0
DELAWARE	150.00	165.00	110.0	ILLINOIS	7,240.00	7,747.81	107.0
DIST. OF C.	830.00	1,505.50	181.4	INDIANA	2,340.00	2,452.00	104.8
HAWAII	350.00	669.00	191.1	IOWA	1,780.00	2,086.00	117.2
IDAHO	260.00	318.50	122.5	Kansas	960.00	914.65	95.3
Maine	460.00	370.00	80.4	KENTUCKY	1,130.00	1,729.70	153.1
MISSISSIPPI	530.00	536.06	101.1	LOUISIANA	1,020.00	1,096.50	107.5
MONTANA	370.00	547.00	147.8	MARYLAND	1,060.00	1,221.00	115.2
Navy	920.00	573.50	62.3	MASSACHUSETTS	3,690.00	3,738.00	101.3
NEVADA	100.00	151.00	151.0	MICHIGAN	4,100.00	4,429.15	108.0
New Hamp.	300.00	272.00	90.7	MINNESOTA	2,840.00	2,994.05	105.4
NEW MEXICO	240.00	267.50	111.5	MISSOURI	2,450.00	2,563.50	104.6
NORTH DAKOTA	330.00	541.55	164.1	NEBRASKA	1,060.00	1,175.00	110.8
OKLAHOMA	920.00	991.00	107.7	NEW JERSEY	4,020.00	4,648.50	115.6
PANAMA C.Z.	10.00	15.00	150.0	New York	15,200.00	12,292.50	80.9
P.H. SERVICE	210.00	284.00	135.2	N. CAROLINA	1,240.00	1,695.00	136.7
PUERTO RICO	190.00	300.50	158.2	Ohio	4,920.00	4,853.75	98.7
RHODE ISLAND	560.00	866.00	154.6	OREGON	1,230.00	1,392.00	113.2
S. Carolina	450.00	339.50	75.4	Pennsylvania	6,810.00	5,442.25	79.9
S. DAKOTA	350.00	516.00	147.4	TENNESSEE	1,310.00	4,216.00	321.8
UTAH	470.00	636.50	135.4	Texas	3,190.00	2,785.00	87.3
Vermont	200.00	153.00	76.5	VIRGINIA	1,150.00	1,213.50	105.5
Vet. Admin.	810.00	344.00	42.5	WASHINGTON	1,800.00	2,375.00	131.9
W. Virginia	760.00	743.75	97.9	Wisconsin	2,930.00	2,243.50	76.6
Wyoming	160.00	148.50	92.8				
TOTAL	\$12,830.00	\$15,286.11	119.1		\$87,170.00	\$94,745.96	108.7

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	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTUION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
QUOTAS OF \$925 OR UNDER	\$ 12,830.00	\$ 15,286.11	119.1
QUOTAS OVER \$925	87,170.00	94,745.96	108.7
STUDENTS		638.00	
MEMORIALS		250.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		1.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$110,921.07	110.9

CONGRESS URGED TO EXPAND RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN DENTAL DISEASE

Expansion of research programs to help more effectively in solving the nation's dental disease problems was urged by two representatives of the Association May 19 in testimony before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, of Des Moines, Ia., member of the Council on Legislation, urged that appropriations for dental health and research activities of the U.S. Public Health Service be increased from \$ 421,000 to \$ 1 million for dental research projects and from \$ 100,000 to \$ 250,000 for fellowship awards for training individuals in dental research. Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, pointed out that additional research is needed to protect the dental health of Americans. Citing the development of fluoridation of public water supplies as an example of a research venture "now measurable in both a marked improvement in dental health and in savings of many millions of dollars," he predicted a revolutionary change in dentistry with greatly increased efforts in the field of periodontal disease. "Our partial victory over dental caries will become merely a delaying action if the teeth saved from dental caries are lost as the result of periodontal disease," he said. "In a transitional period such as this, one cannot too strongly urge the need for redoubled efforts in dental research."

DR. KNUTSON TO DIRECT FORMATION OF DENTAL PROGRAM FOR W.H.O.

Formation of a dental program as a permanent part of the activities of the World Health Organization is scheduled to begin on July 1 under the direction of Dr. John W. Knutson, chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Knutson is being assigned to WHO for a six months period it was announced by Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele. The launching of a dental program by WHO is the result of a long campaign waged by the Federation Dentaire Internationale. The A.D.A. also has actively supported efforts to establish a permanent dental program within the framework of the international organization. Dr. Knutson is familiar with international dental health programs. He has been active in the F.D.I., and is currently vice-president of its Public Dental Health Services Commission. He was chairman of an international group of dental consultants who met in Geneva last year under the sponsorship of WHO. Plans for the establishment of the dental program were reviewed by WHO officials at its 8th World Health Assembly held during May in Mexico City. Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, former A.D.A. president, served as an adviser to the U.S. delegation at this meeting.

A.D.A. DELEGATION NAMED FOR F.D.I. MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

Five A.D.A. members have been named to serve as a delegation to the 43rd annual meeting of the Federation Dentaire Internationale to be held Aug. 14-20 in Copenhagen. The delegates include Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, as chairman; Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., immediate past president of the Association; Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, member of the Council on International Relations and past president; Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., speaker of the House of Delegates, and Brig. Gen. Marvin E. Kennebeck, chief of the Air Force dental services. Named as alternate delegate was Dr. Gerald L. St. Marie, of West Haven, Conn.

RELIEF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS NEAR \$111,000

With a month left in the current Relief Fund campaign, total contributions reached \$ 110,921 on May 31, nearly 11 per cent over the national quota. Forty-three societies and federal services have topped the 100 per cent mark, and only ten have failed to reach at least 90 per cent of quota. The smaller societies (quotas of \$ 925 or less) with 119.1 per cent of quota held better than a ten point lead over the larger societies (quotas over \$ 925) which reached 108.7 at the end of May. More than 25,000 individual contributions have been made to the 1954-55 campaign. A complete breakdown of contributions by constituent societies and federal services is listed on the accompanying Mimeographed page.

NEW DENTAL DIVISION AUTHORIZED FOR VERMONT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

An initial appropriation of \$ 15,000 has been voted by the Vermont legislature for the establishment of a new dental division in the Vermont State Department of Health. Dr. Francis A. Reid, of Windsor, Vt., a member of the state Health Commission, said the action climaxed a 20-year campaign by Vermont dentists.

NEW YORK TIMES SCORES CITY'S DELAY IN ADOPTING FLUORIDATION

The New York Times has called for an end to New York's hesitancy in starting fluoridation for its 8 million residents. Commenting editorially on Mayor Wagner's request for a new study of fluoridation, the newspaper noted that the city's board of health twice had approved the measure. The editorial expressed the hope that the new report would be "the study to end all studies of the subject," and continued: "The expert support, medical and dental, for fluoridation is overwhelming, but still insufficient apparently to convince some of the officials in our own Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity....New York is already years behind the procession on fluoridation." Meanwhile, the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health announced that nearly 21 million persons in 1,080 communities are now receiving fluoridated water.

FLUORIDES SAFE, BENEFICIAL, MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR ASSURED

Following completion of ten years of fluoridation at Grand Rapids, Mich., the Kent County Dental Society sent to Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan a resolution wholeheartedly re-endorsing the public health measure. The society's headquarters are in Grand Rapids. In an accompanying letter, Dr. Herman L. Coburn, the society's president pointed out that "in a recent press story a Detroit group contends that the benefits of fluoridation are contradictory and further that there may be harm in fluoridating public water supplies....May we emphasize these facts: Fluoridation has resulted in marked reductions in tooth decay. Our physicians report no ill effects whatsoever from fluoridation." The letter concluded that "cautions against fluoridation -- however well intended -- do not agree with the scientific proofs as demonstrated over the past ten years in the City of Grand Rapids."

HONORARY DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED ON DR. EDWARD R. WHITE AT SETON HALL

Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City, A.D.A. trustee, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at the 99th annual commencement ceremonies of Seton Hall University at South Orange, N.J., on June 11. The award is being made in recognition of the contributions of Dr. White to dental education in New Jersey. At the same time, honorary degrees will also be conferred by Seton Hall on Gen. Mathew Ridgway, Army chief of staff, and Dr. Edward J. McCormack, immediate past president of the American Medical Association.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LAUDS DENTISTS FOR SUPPORT OF KOREAN FUND DRIVE

President Eisenhower has expressed his gratification to A.D.A. members for their support of the special dental fund of the American-Korean Foundation. Contributions to the fund reached \$11,089 on May 31. In a letter to Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., president of the A.D.A., President Eisenhower said: "I am gratified, as I know all Americans are, by the support you and the members of the American Dental Association are giving to the American-Korean Foundation. It has long seemed to me that in our efforts to help rebuild Korea, we can demonstrate in the most effective manner possible what a democracy really is -- and I am most gratified by the cooperation of American dentists with those of Korea."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., Association president, will address the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association on June 6 in Atlantic City....Dr. Charles I. Taggart, of Burlington, Vt., A.D.A. trustee, was the official representative of the Association at the annual meeting of the Canadian Dental Association May 15-18 in Toronto....The Mississippi Dental Association has gone on record urging that candy and soft drink vending machines be removed from public schools and replaced with machines dispensing fresh fruits, whole milk, popcorn and peanuts....Dr. C. Willard Camalier, of Washington, D.C., assistant A.D.A. secretary, represented the Association at dedication ceremonies for the new Armed Forces Institute of Pathology last week in the nation's capital....Howard University dedicated its new \$3 million college of dentistry building May 18. The principal speaker was Dr. Harlan Horner, of Albany, N.Y., former secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education....The Federal Civil Defense Administration will hold its third civil defense course designed especially for dentists on Nov. 16-18. The course will be given at the Civil Defense Staff College, which has been moved to Battle Creek, Mich....The American Dental Society of Europe will meet July 11-14 in Amsterdam.