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HEARINGS SHIFT TO SENATE ON RESEARCH BILL AFTER HOUSE VOTES INCREASE OF \$500,000 FOR DENTISTRY; A.D.A. TO TESTIFY ON NEED FOR GREATER SUPPORT

The drive for increased federal support of dental research activities moved into the Senate this week as hearings opened on appropriations for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Dental societies and individual dentists are again urged to write or wire their own senators at once on the need for greatly expanded research into dental disease to buttress the testimony of A.D.A. representatives, tentatively scheduled during the last week of March. The hearings on the bill (H.R. 9720) are being conducted by the Subcommittee on Health, Education and Welfare of the Appropriations Committee with Sen. Hill (D., Ala.) as chairman. The Senate hearings follow action by the House of Representatives which on March 5 approved an increase of \$500,000 for dental research grants in the appropriation for the National Institute of Dental Research for the 1957 fiscal year, beginning July 1. The half-million dollar increase over the administration's proposal for \$2,971,000 was voted by the House Appropriations Committee after A.D.A. representatives testified on the need for expanded research as the only realistic

Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, president of the A.D.A., urges all members of the Association to write their senators today regarding the need for greatly expanded dental research. Dr. Kingsbury said dentists may wish to indicate clearly that the \$500,000 increase voted by the House should be augmented substantially to meet the very real need for adequate programs of research in the dental schools and research centers. The Association has recommended an increase of \$3,055,000.

means of combating the nation's staggering toll of dental disease. (See A.D.A. News Letters, March 1 and 2, 1956). The Association is expected to testify before the Senate subcommittee that while the \$500,000 increase is a significant step in the right direction, it is far short of the funds that could currently be put to sound use for research programs in the dental schools and other non-federal research centers. The Association has asked for an increase of \$3,055,000 for research grants.

ACTION EXPECTED THIS WEEK ON N.I.D.R. BUILDING AUTHORIZATION

\$5 million the authorization for construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research. The measure (S.3246), backed by 10 of the 13 members of the subcommittee in a bi-partisan sponsorship, was expected to be reported out to the Senate floor for action by the end of the week. Representatives of the A.D.A. have urged approval of the bill at hearings of the subcommittee. A similar measure is pending in the House.

The Subcommittee on Health of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare this week was considering an allied bill to increase to

NEW REPORT SEES NEED FOR BETTER FACILITIES FOR DENTAL RESEARCH

The need for greater support for dental research was pointed up March 1 when the Department of Health, Education and Welfare

made public the results of a study of all health research activities of the department. The study, made by a special committee of eight physicians and scientists headed by Dr. C. N. H. Long of the Yale School of Medicine, reported that of the seven National Institutes of Health, only the National Institute of Dental Research and one other, the Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, were found to have insufficient funds and facilities. While stating that the most acute need in dental research is the development of additional qualified personnel, the Long report said: "The Institute for Dental Research needs better facilities and more money for its operation." The study, made by a committee appointed by the National Science Foundation at the request of Mrs. Hobby who was then secretary of the Health, Education and Welfare Department made these points: (1) that too much emphasis is being placed in the department on research in federal government agencies and not enough in non-federal institutions; (2) that the program of direct research grants should be removed from the National Institutes of Health and placed in a new division of medical research to be created in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and (3) that investigations should be built around trained personnel rather than specific diseases.

NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL SUPPORT FOR DENTAL RESEARCH WIDESPREAD

Included with this issue of the News Letter are two items on dental research. One is a reproduction of editorials and news stories that have

appeared in newspapers throughout the country in support of the Association's policy for expanded dental research programs. The other is a reprint from the Congressional Record of a statement in the Senate by Sen. Murray (D., Mont.) in support of the bill to increase authorization for construction of the National Institute of Dental Research. It was Sen. Murray who initiated the measure in the Senate.

HOUSE APPROVES MILITARY DEPENDENT CARE PLAN, SYSTEM OF HIGHER BONUSES

The House of Representatives has approved two military bills. In a voice vote March 2, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to increase bonuses for dentists and physicians who remain in active service and a bill to set up a new medical care program for dependents of servicemen. (See A.D.A. News Letter, March 1, 1956.) The bill to raise special pay establishes a system of graduated increases beginning after three years service in the armed forces.

MARCH 31 IS DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF 1956 A.D.A. DUES

Dentists whose dues are not received by March 31 lose the right to participate in the Association's group insurance programs, it was pointed out this week by Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N. Y., secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance. In the event of reinstatement of membership, Dr. Zillmann said, evidence of insurability is required. Unfavorable past or present medical history would disqualify such a member from participation in either the group life or the group health and accident programs until a new enrollment period was held, he said. By February 29, the number of A.D.A. members whose 1956 dues had been received reached 61,647, an increase of 4,300 over the same date last year.

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DENTAL MANPOWER IN WEST STUDIED

The need for additional manpower, especially through establishment of training programs for hygienists and assistants, was emphasized at a meeting of the dental advisory committee of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education March 2 and 3 in San Francisco. Dr. Willard C. Fleming, of San Francisco, dentist member of the Western Interstate Commission, presided at the session which was attended by dentist representatives from 11 states in the commission area. The commission was established to study the needs in the West for higher education in a number of fields, including dentistry, and to encourage states to provide financial support to enable residents of their states to attend schools in other states within the area. Member states of the commission are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The territories of Alaska and Hawaii also are included.

WORKSHOP RECOMMENDS MORE TWO-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR LAB TECHNICIANS

An increase in the number of college-level training programs for dental laboratory technicians, plus a new name for the technicians, were two of the recommendations evolving from a three-day workshop held last week in Chicago. The meeting was sponsored by the A.D.A. Councils on Dental Education and on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations and was attended by some 65 representatives of the dental profession and the laboratory industry. Presiding was Dr. Willard C. Fleming, of San Francisco, dean of the University of California Dental School, and chairman of the Council on Dental Education's committee on the training of dental laboratory technicians. The group stressed the need for formal training programs under the auspices of educational institutions and recommended an increase in the number of two-year courses. In attempting a definition of the technician, the group differentiated between the individual who is capable of interpreting and fulfilling the dental authorization and directions in any laboratory technic, and the individual trained or educated to perform only one or a few phases of the entire laboratory procedure. It was suggested that the latter be called a dental laboratory technician, and the former, broadly trained individual, be called a dental laboratory technologist. The workshop's recommendations are to be considered at meetings of the two A.D.A. councils later this year.

NAME NEW DIRECTOR OF A.D.A. DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENTS

Mrs. Grace Parkin, of Chicago, has been appointed director of the division of educational measurements of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, it was announced last week by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary. The division is concerned mainly with the dental aptitude testing program. The director's post had been vacant for several months. Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Parkin had served as employment manager for American Maize-Products Co., of Roby, Ind. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

NEARLY 250 PAPERS SCHEDULED FOR I.A.D.R. MEETING MARCH 22-25

Nearly 250 papers will be presented at the 34th annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research, March 22-25, at the Hotel Jefferson in St. Louis, according to Dr. Paul E. Boyle, of Philadelphia, I.A.D.R. president. Among the topics at the four-day meeting will be panoramic x-rays, the Evanston fluoridation study, and stop-motion photography of periodontal disease. Dr. E. V. Cowdry, professor of cytology at Washington University (St. Louis) and director of the Wernse Cancer Research Laboratory, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner Friday, March 23.

TV, CIVIL DEFENSE ON PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL SCHOOLS

Civil defense training for dentists, the use of television in dental schools and a survey of dental education are among major topics to be considered at the 33rd annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools, March 25-28, at the Hotel Jefferson in St. Louis. Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, of Portland, president of the University of Oregon, will speak at the meeting's opening general session. Dr. Harold J. Noyes, of Portland, dean of the university's dental school and A.A.D.S. president, will preside.

DR. H. TRENDLEY DEAN TO BE HONORED BY ILLINOIS DENTAL SOCIETIES

Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, will be honored by the Madison County and St. Clair District Dental Societies March 21 at a testimonial dinner in the St. Clair Country Club at Belleville, Ill. Dr. Dean was born in Winstanely Park, now a part of East St. Louis, in St. Clair County. The two societies will confer an award on the internationally known dental scientist for his many years of work in fluoridation research.

2,500 LINEN SUPPLY TRUCKS TO DISPLAY DENTAL HEALTH POSTERS IN APRIL

More than 2,500 delivery trucks of the Linen Supply Association of America will display dental health posters in communities throughout the United States during the month of April. The large four-color posters will carry the message, "Play safe. See your dentist twice a year."

MICHIGAN, OKLAHOMA, UTAH TOP QUOTAS IN RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN-- TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1955-56 DRIVE NEARING \$100,000 MARK

Michigan, Oklahoma and Utah exceeded their quotas in the 1955-56 Relief Fund campaign on March 12 as total contributions reached \$109,175. The new total was more than \$6,000 ahead of the same date last year. Forty-one states and the Public Health Service have now topped the 100 per cent mark. Alaska dentists contributed an additional \$85 during the two-week period, to bring their total to \$314 or 628 per cent of quota. Tennessee was second in the per capita race with 364 per cent of quota. The smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000), with 117 per cent of quota, increased their lead over the larger societies (quotas over \$1,000) to nine percentage points. The campaign will continue to July 1.

DENTISTRY'S ROLE IN CHRONIC ILLNESS ON NATIONAL HEALTH FORUM PROGRAM

The role of dentistry in chronic illness will be presented at the 1956 national health forum of the National Health Council to be held March 21-22 at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel in New York City. "Action Today, Tomorrow, Together on Chronic Illness" is the theme of the two-day meeting. Two dentists will appear on the program. Dr. Robert E. Crowley, chief of dental service at the Veterans Administration Montrose Hospital at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., will speak at a panel on institutional care. Dr. H. K. Cooper, director of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic at Lancaster, Penn., will take part in a panel on rehabilitation. The A.D.A. is a member organization of the council. Association representatives at the annual meeting of the council on March 23 will be Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N.Y.; Dr. Joseph P. Scola, of New York City; Dr. Doyle J. Smith, of Memphis, and Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Chicago. Dr. Friedrich is a member of the council's board of directors.

INDIANA CANCER SOCIETY SPONSORS CANCER SEMINARS FOR DENTISTS

Cancer seminars for dentists have been conducted in Indiana for the past seven years, Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, said last week. Dr. Hine's statement followed publication of a story in the March 1 A.D.A. News Letter describing a New Jersey program as the first cancer seminar for dentists sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Indiana Division of the A.C.S. and the School of Dentistry have jointly sponsored such seminars, Dr. Hine said.

NAME NEW SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 12TH INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

A new secretary general has been named for the 12th International Dental Congress to be held in 1957 in Rome. He is Dr. Pio Lalli, of Rome, replacing Dr. Nino Corradi who has resigned because of ill health. The dates for the congress, sponsored by the Federation Dentaire Internationale, are Sept. 7 through 14.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Idaho has become the 30th state to accept the certificate of the National Board of Dental Examiners, it was announced by Dr. William A. Dickson, of Minneapolis, chairman of the A.D.A. Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners....Dr. John Carr, of Camden, N.J., secretary of the New Jersey State Dental Society, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the New Jersey Heart Association....In the A.D.A. News Letter of Feb. 15, 1956, the name of Dr. Nathan Kobrin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was inadvertently omitted from the list of witnesses testifying before the Senate Finance Committee on extension of the OASI program of the Social Security Act to dentists. Dr. Kobrin testified on behalf of the Second District Dental Society of the State of New York in favor of compulsory coverage for dentists....Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service since 1948, has been nominated for a third four-year term by President Eisenhower....Columbia University has named its dental school museum the Charles H. Land Museum in memory of the originator of the porcelain jacket crown. Dr. Land's grandson, Brig. Gen. Charles Lindberg, has provided the funds for preparation of an annotated catalog of the museum's historical collection....The Canadian Dental Association has scheduled its annual meeting for June 3-6 at Banff.