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# News Letter

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## **SENATOR HILL COMMENDED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR "DEVOTION TO CAUSE OF DENTAL HEALTH"; A.D.A. TO TESTIFY ON RESEARCH BUILDING MEASURE**

U.S. Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) was commended for his "exceptional devotion to the cause of better dental health for the American people" at the annual spring meeting of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees in Chicago April 2-3. The tribute to the senator came in the form of a formal resolution in recognition of his efforts on behalf of additional support for dental research. It was Senator Hill who piloted through the Senate the measure (S. 3246) authorizing \$5 million for construction of a building for the National Institute of Dental Research. (A.D.A. News Letter, April 2, 1956). The bill has been sent to the House of Representatives where a hearing has been scheduled for tomorrow (April 17) by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, headed by Rep. J. Percy Priest (D., Tenn.). Rep. Priest himself has introduced an identical bill (H.R. 9087) as have three other congressmen.

### **DRS. LYONS AND DOTY WILL REPRESENT A.D.A.**

Testifying on behalf of the Association at the Tuesday hearing will be Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president-elect of the A.D.A.,

and Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Therapeutics. In the tribute to Senator Hill, the A.D.A. Board of Trustees also noted his "clearly expressed determination to expand federal support of dental research carried on in the 43 dental schools." The Association is recommending an increase of \$3,055,000 over the administration's proposed budget for dental research grants for the 1957 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

### **VOTE DISAPPROVAL OF PROPOSED CERTIFICATION OF DENTAL LABS**

In other action, the Board voted disapproval of the proposed certification of dental laboratories and technicians by the National Association of

Dental Laboratories "on the ground that the dental profession cannot yield its right to establish standards for the training of all its auxiliaries." Additionally, the Board directed the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations to "use every resource" to amend the "Trade Practice Rules for the Commercial Dental Laboratory Industry" recently issued by the Federal Trade Commission at the request of the industry. The code had been sought by the National Association of Dental Laboratories. In urging amendment of the code, the Board noted that it does not properly reflect the provisions of the state dental practice acts. Four state societies, those of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, requested the trustees to take action to revoke or enjoin the code.

### **LOS ANGELES IS SELECTED FOR 1960 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Board selected Los Angeles as the site for the 1960 session of the Association. Convention sites and dates for the annual meetings between now and 1960 are:

Atlantic City, Oct. 1-4, 1956; Miami, Nov. 4-7, 1957; Dallas, Nov. 10-13, 1958, and New York City, Sept. 21-24, 1959. The trustees chose Dr. P. Earle Williams, of Dallas, as general chairman of the committee on local arrangements for 1958 meeting.

## **DR. JESERICH NAMED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ORAL SURGERY**

The Board named Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., trustee from the 9th District, as chairman of the Special Committee on Problems in the Field of Oral Surgery. Others appointed to the committee were Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., and Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Iowa, past presidents of the Association; Dr. James R. Cameron, of Philadelphia; Dr. Fred A. Henry, of Detroit, and Dr. O. J. McCormack, of Syracuse, N.Y. Consultants to the committee are Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, president of the A.D.A., and Dr. Frank B. Hower, of Louisville.

## **ESSAYISTS, CLINICIANS ARE SOUGHT FOR MEETING IN TOKYO, JAPAN**

The A.D.A. Board of Trustees at its recent meeting accepted an invitation of the Japan Dental Association to provide assistance for the development of a scientific program for the national convention of the J.D.A. in Tokyo in April, 1957. A.D.A. members who should like to present an essay or clinic at the Tokyo meeting are asked to write immediately to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill. The Japan Dental Association is preparing a special program for the entertainment of U.S. visitors and also is sponsoring group tours which will include visits to other points of interest in the Orient. Participating dentists will have to travel at their own expense.

## **HOUSE VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORTS ON "ABUSES" IN V.A. PROGRAM**

The Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives last week issued a report on "Abuses of the Veterans' Administration Outpatient Program." The report, based on information supplied to the committee by V.A. offices in 34 states and the District of Columbia, described purported irregularities involving physicians and dentists in operation of the "hometown" medical and dental care program during the period from Jan. 1, 1953, to March 31, 1955. The study also included a report on the program for hospitalized veterans treated for non-service-connected disabilities. In the report on physicians and dentists, Rep. Olin E. Teague (D., Texas), chairman of the House committee, said "abuses varied from minor administrative failures to serious false claims" but "certainly do not provide the basis for the generalization that there is substantial dishonesty." The study did not report on the ratio of the "abuses" to the size of the over-all program. In response to press inquiries, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand said that "the alleged abuses were found in a very small percentage of the treatment cases and largely involved a misunderstanding of V.A. rules and regulations. On the whole, the dental profession has done an outstanding job in providing treatment for millions of veterans under the V.A. program. The Association has confidence that the government has ample authority to handle any real irregularity."

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR RESEARCH CONSTRUCTION, HEALTH LIBRARY URGED**

Approval of a bill (S. 849) to encourage the construction of facilities for research in "crippling and killing diseases" was recommended by a representative of the Association April 13 in a hearing before the subcommittee on health of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The measure, previously approved by the Senate, sets up a three-year \$90 million program of matching grants for non-federal institutions such as dental and medical schools to build laboratory facilities. Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, said that a survey of the dental schools indicates that for the next three years the schools will have a need for \$18 million for construction, expansion and equipment of research facilities. Similar approval was recorded on behalf of the Association for another measure, the establishment of a national library of medicine, in testimony filed April 11 with the subcommittee on health of the Senate Public Welfare Committee by Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, of Des Moines, Iowa, member of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation.

## **A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES 78,016 ON MARCH 31; SETS RECORD FOR DATE**

Membership in the A.D.A. reached 78,016 on March 31 to set a new record for that date. The figure represents a gain of 5,294 over the corresponding date of last year. Included were 68,242 fully privileged members, up 4,576 over 1955, and 9,578 student members, up 736 over last year. Membership in other categories was: affiliate, 166; associate, 15, and honorary, 15.

## RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF DENTAL INTERNS IN CAREER INCENTIVE BILL

A recommendation that credit for time spent in dental internship be included in establishing rank for dental officers was presented to the Senate Committee on Armed Services April 11 by Dr. C. Willard Camalier, of Washington, D.C., assistant secretary of the Association. Dr. Camalier testified at a hearing on H.R. 9428, a bill designed to strengthen the dental and medical career service in the armed forces. The bill proposes a graduated system of increased special bonuses for dental and medical officers who remain in service at least three years. Dr. Camalier, noting that the measure also authorizes increased credit for the time spent in dental and medical schools and in medical internships, pointed out that some 800 dental internships and residencies are available each year for dental graduates and that "dental internships, like their medical counterparts, give the dental graduate advanced training in the clinical practice of dentistry as well as special training in recognized specialities." The bill previously had been passed by the House.

### DEPENDENT DENTAL CARE BEFORE OVERSEAS DEPARTURE PROPOSED

A proposal that military dependents scheduled to go overseas be required to have a minimum standard of dental health was made by Dr.

Ralph E. Creig, of Cleveland, member of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, in testimony April 13 before the Senate Committee on Armed Forces. Dr. Creig testified on a bill (H.R. 9429) to provide dental and medical care for dependents of members of the armed forces. As originally proposed, the bill limits dental care for dependents to emergency treatment with the exception of dependents overseas or those in "remote areas" in the United States where adequate civilian dental facilities are not available. Dr. Creig asked that the term "remote areas" be strictly defined. Dr. Creig also proposed that civilian dentists be permitted to provide dental care for which military dependents may be eligible under group health insurance programs.

### A.D.A. RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN TOPS QUOTA FOR 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR -- CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$112,394 ON APRIL 12 TO SET ALL-TIME RECORD

Total contributions to the 1955-56 A.D.A. Relief Fund reached \$112,394 on April 12 to set an all-time high. The new record represents an increase of more than \$1,100 over the previous high set in the 1954-55 campaign. The current drive will continue to July 1. To date, 42 constituent societies and the Public Health Service have exceeded their quotas for this year. Alaska continued to hold the individual lead and increased its per cent of quota contributed to 748. Tennessee remained in second place with 369 per cent. The smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000), with 121 per cent of quota contributed, maintained their lead over the larger societies (quotas over \$1,000) by 11 percentage points.

### PETER GOULDING NAMED SECRETARY OF COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Appointment of Mr. Peter C. Goulding, of Chicago, to the newly created position of secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session was announced last week by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, Association secretary. Establishment of the position was approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 2-3 meeting in recognition of the increased activities and responsibilities of the Council in planning and supervising the scientific program at the annual session. Last year, attendance at the scientific session was approximately 15,000. Mr. Goulding has been on the staff of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information since 1950. During World War II, he served as a radio-radar countermeasures specialist in the Naval Air Corps. He is a graduate of De Paul University, Chicago.

### DR. JOHN CEDRINS APPOINTED ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AT A.D.A.

Dr. John Cedrins, of Chicago, has been named assistant librarian in the A.D.A. Bureau of Library and Indexing Service, it also was announced this week by Dr. Hillenbrand. Prior to joining the Association staff, Dr. Cedrins was on the staff of Harper library at the University of Chicago where he also completed study for a master's degree in the field of library science. Dr. Cedrins holds a Ph.D degree in philosophy from the University of Bonn. He formerly taught junior college in Flensburg, Denmark.

## MICHIGAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MARKS ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

More than 150 of the nation's leading dentists and dental scientists are participating in the scientific program at the centennial meeting of the Michigan State Dental Association being held April 15-19 at the Hotel Statler in Detroit. A social highlight will be a centennial luncheon April 17 at which the speakers will be Dr. Bernard C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, president of the A.D.A., and Dr. Marcus L. Ward, of Ann Arbor, A.D.A. president in 1938-39. There will be a centennial banquet on April 18 at which awards will be presented for outstanding contributions to dentistry. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, will address the annual business session. The president of the society is Dr. R. W. Walmoth, of Detroit. The general chairman for the five-day meeting is Dr. O. J. Fusilier, of Clarkston.

## A.D.A. TELEVISION MANUAL SENT TO CONSTITUENT AND COMPONENT SOCIETIES

A television manual designed for local, district and state dental societies interested in presenting programs on local television stations has been prepared by the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information. Copies of the handbook were mailed last week to secretaries of constituent and component societies. In addition to providing information on planning and giving programs, the 24-page manual describes facilities of the Association, such as films, and scripts, which are available to dental societies for television use.

## DETROIT PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE REJECTS APPEAL TO CONDEMN FLUORIDATION

A petition by Dr. George L. Waldbott, Detroit physician and fluoridation opponent, that the Wayne County Medical Society (Detroit) withdraw its endorsement of fluoridation has been rejected by the society's public health committee. In recommending that the society reaffirm its favorable stand on the public health measure, the committee reported that Dr. Waldbott's testimony provided insufficient evidence to substantiate his charges.

## PUBLIC HEALTH PIONEER SCORES FLUORIDE FOES

Dr. Haven Emerson, pioneer public health physician and a member of the New York City Board of Health, last week described fluoridation opponents as "fuzzy-minded nitwits." The 81-year old physician has been a member of the health board for 22 years and served as health commissioner from 1915-17. Dr. Emerson charged that opponents of fluoridation had been swept "off their feet by emotional ignorance." He added: "Every advance in this (public health) field has been met by objections from self-appointed but unqualified citizens." On Jan. 12, the New York City Board of Health recommended to Mayor Robert Wagner that fluoridation be adopted "as soon as possible." (See A.D.A. News Letter, Jan. 17).

Dr. Haven Emerson, pioneer public health physician and a member of the New York City Board of Health, last week described fluoridation

## 7TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MAY 14-16

The development of dental health care programs will be the subject of the 7th National Dental Health Conference to be held May 14-16 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, under the sponsorship of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. Dr. R.F.D. Johnson, of Minneapolis, is chairman. Dr. Donald J. Galagan, assistant chief, Division of Dental Public Health, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C., will speak on "Development of Dental Health Care Programs for Persons with Chronic Illness." At a dinner session Tuesday, May 15, other conference speakers include Dr. Harold Hillenbrand of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary; Dr. Albert L. Borish, chairman, Council on Dental Health, Philadelphia County Dental Society; Dr. Herbert K. Abrams, medical director, Union Health Service, Inc., Chicago; Miss Pearl Bierman, medical care consultant, American Public Welfare Association, Chicago; Dr. Norman F. Gerrie, assistant chief dental officer, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C.; Dr. John W. Stone, Michigan Department of Health, Lansing, Mich., and Mr. Bernard J. Conway, secretary, A.D.A. Council on Legislation, Chicago.

## BETTER LIVING TO CARRY PICTURE ARTICLE ON DENTAL HEALTH

The May issue of Better Living will include a two-page picture article entitled, "Teeth Need Care," featuring the popular television characters, Kukla, Fran and Ollie. The piece emphasizes dental care for small children and is subtitled "A Preschool Primer by the Metropolitan Dentists." The magazine, distributed through supermarkets, has a circulation of 2,300,000.