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# A.D.A. News Letter

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## A.D.A. TO SEEK INCREASED FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DENTAL RESEARCH; COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION ALSO TO URGE ENACTMENT OF JENKINS-KEOGH BILLS

Increases in federal support for dental research and approval of federal grants-in-aid for construction of teaching facilities at dental schools will be requested of Congress this year by the American Dental Association. At a meeting in Chicago Dec. 18 and 19, the A.D.A. Council on Legislation listed the foregoing as two of several federal legislative objectives of the Association for 1958. Congress will be asked to increase the present \$6,400,000 appropriation for the National Institute of Dental Research by at least one million dollars, Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., Council chairman, declared. The Association will also urge Congress to approve a five-year program of grants-in-aid to dental schools for constructing new teaching facilities. Two programs providing for aid to dental and medical schools are now before Congress. They are: S. 1922 and H.R. 7841, introduced respectively by Sen. Hill (D., Ala.) and Rep. Fogarty (D., R.I.), which would authorize grants-in-aid of \$8 million per year for five years, and H.R. 6874, introduced by Rep. Harris (D., Ark.) which would authorize grants-in-aid of \$6 million per year for five years. The latter bill has administration support. Additionally, the Association will actively support the Jenkins-Keogh bills, H.R. 9 and H.R. 10, introduced by Rep. Jenkins (R., Ohio), and Rep. Keogh (D., N.Y.). Representatives of the Association are expected to testify on these bills before the House Ways and Means Committee during the third week of January. The Jenkins-Keogh bills propose that dentists and other self-employed persons be given the same opportunity to establish pension programs for themselves as is now offered under federal tax laws to corporation employees. Various national groups such as the American Bar Association, the American Medical Association and the A.D.A. are members of the American Thrift Assembly which has been organized to seek enactment of the Jenkins-Keogh bills.

### PRESIDENTIAL BACKING SOUGHT FOR DENTAL RESEARCH BUILDING

the Administration's budget for fiscal 1959, funds for the construction of a building for the National Institute of Dental Research. In 1956, Congress passed and President Eisenhower approved legislation authorizing four million dollars for the dental research building. These funds, however, were never appropriated. In addition to the request to President Eisenhower, the A.D.A. will also formally request the Congress to appropriate funds for the new building during the 1958 session. The text of Dr. Alstadt's letter to President Eisenhower follows:

In a letter dated Dec. 30, Dr. W. R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. president, formally requested President Eisenhower to include in

The American Dental Association urges you to include in the Administration's budget for fiscal 1959 the funds authorized for constructing and equipping a building for the National Institute of Dental Research.

In 1956 you signed into law the legislation which authorized four million dollars for the Dental Institute building (P.L. 732, 84th Congress). Congress in enacting this building fund authorization overwhelmingly endorsed the favorable reports of the Senate and House Committees which held hearings on the legislation.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare in its unanimous report declared that "... the scientists now working at the Institute are so crowded that effective work is difficult and expansion almost impossible" (Senate Report 1719, 84th Congress).

Again in 1957 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives in its report on appropriations for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare emphasized that the failure to construct a dental research building could not be justified as an economical move since the lack of space and facilities was having an adverse effect upon the Institute program (House Report 217, 85th Congress).

The dentists of America know that you support the profession's dedication to research as the most important component of the nation's dental health program. The dental profession and the dental schools look to the National Institute of Dental Research for leadership and assistance. It is vital to the continued progress in dental research that the Dental Institute scientists have the facilities and equipment to carry out the functions assigned to them by Congress and expected of them by the American people.

In behalf of the ninety thousand members of the American Dental Association, I urge that you include the Dental Institute building fund within the Administration's fiscal 1959 budget for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

#### **14TH CONGRESS ON DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE TO BE HELD FEB. 1**

The 14th Congress on Dental Education and Licensure will be held Feb. 1 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. The Congress, conducted by the A.D.A. Council on Education, will have as its general topic "Unique Programs in Dental Education." Moderators will be Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, chairman of the Council on Education, and Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean, School of Dentistry, University of California. Among those participating in the program will be: Dr. Roy O. Greep, dean, Harvard School of Dental Medicine; Dr. Paul E. Boyle, dean, School of Dentistry, Western Reserve University; Dr. John V. Olson, dean, University of Texas, Dental Branch; Dr. Wendell D. Postle, dean, College of Dentistry, Ohio State University; Dr. James T. Ginn, dean, College of Dentistry, University of Tennessee, and Dr. Wendell L. Wylie, assistant dean, University of California.

#### **PATTERSON COMPANY MAKES RESEARCH GRANTS TO 13 SCHOOLS**

Thirteen dental schools have received grants of \$600 each from the M. F. Patterson Dental Supply Company, it is announced by Mr. W. O. Patterson, president of the firm. The grants, totalling \$7,200, may be used for research or graduate work in dentistry. They were made on behalf of the firm and its subsidiaries to dental schools in the areas which they serve. Schools receiving the grants are: Iowa, Loyola, (New Orleans), Minnesota, Kansas City, Creighton, Nebraska, Oregon, Meharry, Tennessee, Baylor, Texas, Washington (Seattle), and Marquette.

#### **A.D.A. OFFICIALS TO SPEAK AT TENNESSEE WORKSHOP, JAN. 17-18**

Dr. Walter E. Dundon, chairman, and Mr. Bernard J. Beazley, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations, both of Chicago, will be among the speakers at the 10th annual Workshop to be sponsored by the Tennessee State Dental Association at Nashville, Jan. 17 and 18. Dr. Dundon is president of the Chicago Dental Society. They will speak on "Dental Laboratory Relations" with Mr. Thomas M. Stratton, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Tennessee Dental Laboratory Association. The program will also feature a talk on "Dental Health Education" by Dr. Ira V. Hiscock, chairman of the Department of Public Health, Yale University.

#### **NEW BOOKLET ON ARTIFICIAL DENTURES NOW AVAILABLE FROM A.D.A.**

A newly-revised booklet, "Your Artificial Dentures," prepared by the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education, is now available from the A.D.A. Order Department. The booklet is designed to help the new denture patient by acquainting him with an understanding of the adjustments he must make in using his new dentures and the need for full cooperation with his dentist. Cost of the booklets is \$1.75 for 25, \$2.95 for 50, and \$4.85 for 100.

## **A.D.A. OPPOSES MILITARY OPERATION OF 'FAMILY DENTAL CLINICS'**

The American Dental Association is fundamentally opposed to the establishment of so-called "family dental clinics" at military bases for the provision of dental care to the dependents of military personnel, Dr. E. Jeff Justis, of Memphis, Tenn., declared in a statement presented in mid-December to the Department of Defense Dental Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. Dr. Justis' comment was stimulated by the establishment of "family dental clinics" at Scott Field near East St. Louis, Ill., and Lowry Air Force Base near Denver. The "clinics," under military control, employ civilian dentists on a salary basis to provide dental care for dependents of military personnel at a low fee. They were housed in government buildings and used "surplus" dental equipment. In his statement, Dr. Justis cited as reasons for opposing military operation of the "family clinics" the following:

First, such clinics do not and cannot provide to dependents a uniform standard of dental care, which is the criterion established by the Congress of the United States for any program purporting to fulfill the health needs of the said dependents; second, these clinics represent an effort to change the traditional concepts and standards controlling the provision of a professional level of dental health services to society; third, they may actually constitute a threat to the professional standing of such dental personnel as may be employed in them; fourth, they are housed, equipped, operated and administered in such a manner as to strongly impair their legality when viewed against the language of Public Law 569, and, if permitted to continue in operation, could ultimately be responsible for the collapse of all efforts to establish a uniform and professionally acceptable dental program within the Medicare program....

The American Dental Association regards as unfortunate the fact that the Department of Defense Dental Advisory Committee was not consulted before the "family dental clinics" were established, because the entire problem presently under investigation could have been avoided. Since the authority of this committee was by-passed, however, the American Dental Association now must move the committee to produce a resolution calling for the immediate and uncompromising disestablishment of all such clinics.

The Dental Advisory Committee is headed by Dr. Thomas P. Fox, of Philadelphia, who holds the rank of brigadier general in the Army Reserve Corps. Other members are Dr. Justis; Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, A.D.A. president-elect; Dr. John Brauer, of Chapel Hill, N.C., dean, School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina; Maj. Gen. James M. Epperly, chief of the Army Dental Corps; Maj. Gen. Marvin E. Kennebeck, chief of the Air Force Dental Corps, and Rear Adm. Ralph W. Malone, chief of the Navy Dental Corps. The decision of the Committee regarding Dr. Justis' recommendation has not been made public pending official action by the Department of Defense.

## **NEW LIST OF DENTAL BOOKS AND 'PACKAGE LIBRARIES' IS AVAILABLE**

A list of books on dentistry published in the years 1955-1957 together with a listing of "package libraries" for loan to A.D.A. members is now available without charge upon request to the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill. There are approximately 300 new books and about 500 "package libraries" in the list. The latter are arranged alphabetically, running from "acrylic resins" to "zinc peroxide." Each "package library" consists of a collection of articles from the dental literature relating to a particular subject.

## **LOUISIANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION NAMES EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Louisiana Dental Association has named Mr. Joseph P. Thiriot, of Chickasha, Okla., as executive secretary. Since 1950, Mr. Thiriot has been executive secretary and a member of the board of the Chickasha Milling Co. During the past six years, he has also held office in the Oklahoma Seed Man's Association, serving as secretary-treasurer and as president.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACH 80 PER CENT MARK; NINE CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES EXCEED QUOTAS FOR 1957-58 DRIVE

By Dec. 18, contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund were \$81,116.85, more than 80 per cent of its \$100,000 goal. Tennessee continued to lead all constituent societies with contributions equalling 221.2 per cent of its quota. Alaska is second with 175 per cent. Two societies to pass the 100 per cent mark since Dec. 4 are Nevada and Maryland. The smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000) have contributed 84.3 per cent of their combined quota, and lead the larger societies by 4 percentage points. Dr. H. R. Bleier, of Milwaukee, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Relief, again asks that all dentists who have not as yet mailed in their contributions please do so as soon as possible. A list of contributions by dental societies to Dec. 18 can be found on the accompanying Mimeographed page.

## DR. ALSTADT APPOINTS TWO SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. W. R. Alstadt, A.D.A. president, has announced the appointment of two special committees of the Board of Trustees as follows: Special Committee on National Women's Auxiliary, Dr. Arthur F. Schopper, of Kansas City, chairman, Dr. Howard B. Higgins, of Spartanburg, S.C., and Dr. Edward F. Mimmack, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Special Committee on Washington Office, Dr. Arthur W. Easton, of Norway, Me., chairman, Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Fritz A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand (ex officio), of Chicago. The first-named committee has been asked "to develop a proposal for the organization of a Women's Auxiliary to the American Dental Association on the basis of direct national membership in that auxiliary and not on the basis of a federation of existing constituent society auxiliaries." The second committee has been given the assignment of studying the advisability of expanding the facilities of the A.D.A. Washington office.

## F.D.I. DUES ARE DUE FOR U.S. MEMBERS

Annual dues of \$15 for supporting memberships in the Federation Dentaire Internationale for 1958 are now due, it is announced by Dr. Obed H. Moen, 6 Main St., Watertown, Wis., the U.S. treasurer for the world-wide dental organization. All U.S. dentists who hold membership in the F.D.I. are urged to send in their 1958 dues to Dr. Moen as promptly as possible. U.S. dentists who are not now members and are interested in becoming members of the F.D.I. should write Dr. Moen at the above address.

## FLUORIDATION HANDBOOKS PUBLISHED BY NEW YORK COMMITTEE

Two new handbooks relating to community education on water fluoridation have been published by the Committee To Protect Our Children's Teeth, a citizen's group headed by Dr. Benjamin Spock, well-known pediatrician. The handbooks are: Our Children's Teeth, a 104-page digest of expert opinions on various aspects of fluoridation designed to serve as a basic reference source, and Gains and Setbacks, a digest of experiences in more than 30 communities. The latter is designed for use as a guide in the planning of a public education campaign. Both books may be ordered from the Committee To Protect Our Children's Teeth, 105 E. 22nd St., New York 10, N.Y. Our Children's Teeth is priced at \$1 and Gains and Setbacks is priced at \$1.50.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

In November, the Small Business Administration reported that it had made loans of \$46,000 to three dentists and \$32,500 to two physicians....Five hundred persons attended the recent Mid-Winter Central California Dental Convention at Fresno. The general chairman was Dr. Dexter M. Smith, of Sanger, Calif., president-elect of the Fifth District Dental Society of the California State Dental Association....Dr. Herbert K. Cooper, director, Cleft Palate Center, Lancaster, Pa., has been appointed a member of the National Advisory Committee on Chronic Illness and the Health of the Aged of the U.S. Public Health Service. Surgeon General L. E. Burney also has announced by appointment of Dr. Paul E. Boyle, dean, School of Dentistry, Western Reserve University, as a member of the Public Health Service's Advisory Committee on the U.S. National Health Survey....The National Institutes of Health made grants of \$1,150,548 in November to 110 institutions and individuals to finance dental research projects.